

**December 2006  
Golden, Colorado**

In so many ways, time and place define us, separate us, and make us who we are. For the Moores, our nine years in Idaho marked the time when Kevin “grew up” professionally, Tamra became her own person, and Joshua and Julia lived their “formative” years. Six years in Utah brought career recognition for Kevin and professional growth for Tamra, but a variety of issues in our lives led to discontent and a search for a better place. A year in Maryland saw Julia finish high school and Joshua return to live at home after a year away in college. Now, Tamra was content working in long-term care and thriving in the “big city” that is the Baltimore/DC area, but Kevin was unhappy in a defense lab job, and missing academia and the west. So the search continued.

Now the end of 2006 finds us, a year-and-a-half later, (safely?) ensconced in our most recent places – Tamra, Kevin and Joshua in Golden, Colorado and Julia in Seattle. Julia’s stay in Seattle, where she is attending the University of Washington as a budding sailing enthusiast and leaning towards majoring in applied math, may be transient, and Joshua’s future places are yet to be cast, as he meets new friends, deals with a medical condition, and plans a return to school this spring. But for Tamra and Kevin, the Denver area could easily be a long-term stopping place. It is a beautiful location and a perfect compromise. It feels like a small town, yet downtown Denver is just a twenty minute drive away. Kevin holds an endowed professorship at the Colorado School of Mines, a great interdisciplinary school in the foothills of the Rockies, where he continues his research in control theory and robotics and is happy that he can walk to work. Tamra has not yet returned to work. She has enjoyed traveling with Kevin and spending time with friends and family all across the country. Volunteering as a long-term care ombudsman and for hospice also keeps her busy and fulfilled.

We miss the people we have known in all the places we have been. We hope that all is well with you and the ones you love. It would be great to hear from you. And, if time brings you close to Denver, please stop by our place! We are at:

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Joshua and his  
girlfriend, Lauren



Kevin and Tamra enjoying  
a “dumpling banquet” in  
Xian, China, Summer 2006



Julia in “sunny” Seattle