

Anderson Family Report

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Seasons Greetings 2005

TAMI GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE IN MAY, and Jaga finished his duty with the Coast Guard in September. They moved to Asheville, NC to start a new life there in September. Tami is working in interior design for a woman who needed extra help and someone who could produce AutoCad renderings. Jaga is working on a construction crew doing finishing work. He bought Grandpa Anderson's pickup.

During MEA break Gordon, Mary Jane, Greta, and Evan drove down to North Carolina to see how they are doing and meet some of the people they work with. We spent a day at the Biltmore Estate, the largest house in the United States with over 250 rooms. We spent one afternoon driving through the Blue Ridge Mountains to Mt. Mitchell, the highest point in the U.S. east of the Rockies We went down through Louisville, past the horse farms, and up in the Cumberland Mountains where Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia meet. On the way back we visited the Grand Ole Opry in Memphis and went up in the St. Louis Arch (image on background).

Happy Holidays from our family!



During MEA we went to Asheville, NC to see Tami and Jaga and visited the Biltmore Estate there. Top photo: Evan, Jaga, Tami, Mary Jane, Gordon, Greta



Jaga and Tami's apartment (Grandpa's former truck)

IN APRIL, GORDON MOVED PARAGON HOUSE TO A LARGER office/warehouse in Roseville, Minnesota. Paragon produces about 20 of its own titles per year and does contract work for others. His favorite book this year is *We Changed the World: Memoirs of a CNN Global Satellite Pioneer* by Sidney Pike. You can see all of Paragon Books at www.paragonhouse.com. Paragon's biggest project is managing the development of a new online encyclopedia, scheduled to go live sometime before 2008.

Gordon went to Dominican Republic for the World Association of NGOs meeting titled "Creating a World Fit for Children" in November. He was there with his friend Dr. Nicholas Kittrie, who teaches at American University in Washington, D.C. and also serves as a Trustee at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut where they meet periodically. Dr. Kittrie and his colleague Georgette Soble are providing housing for our niece Britta who has gone to American University for advanced studies this year.



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Dr. Kittrie and Gordon at the National Assembly building in the Dominican Republic

MARY JANE LEFT HER JOB AT WHITE BEAR CARE Center and will be taking a position with a home for seniors with disabilities in one of the old mansions on Summit Ave. designed by Cass Gilbert, the architect who designed the State Capitol and the Cathedral in St. Paul. She recently was elected Chairman of the Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (PECA).

JAYNA WILL BE DONE WITH COLLEGE IN A YEAR. She is majoring in Strategic Communication in the School of Journalism at the U of M with a minor in Business at the Carlson School of Management. She has been working at "Fabulous Fern's" restaurant near downtown St. Paul. It is a high quality restaurant and she got a good referral from her work at the White Bear Yacht Club. At the end of September she flew out to Providence, Rhode Island to visit a friend. They went to Northhampton, Mass. to see a concert and toured Newport, Rhode Island.



At Gordon's brother's house for Thanksgiving: Jayna, Evan and Mary Jane in front, Debbie, Karin, Joel and Wayne in back

GRETA TURNED 16 IN FEBRUARY AND GOT HER DRIVER'S license. She is using the Saturn that her older sisters had when they were in high school. She worked several months at K-Mart and now is doing some babysitting again. She is doing well academically in school.

EVAN PLAYED BASEBALL IN THE SUMMER and his team got to the finals and played at the semi-professional level Siebert Field at the U of M in the playoffs, and came in second in their group. He has been playing video games on the computer and Internet a lot. One weekend he hosted a "lan party" and about 10 friends from church sat in our house together playing a video game on separate computers hooked to the Internet. A lot of parents are concerned about the effects of video games on kids, but Paragon is publishing a book titled *Don't Bother Me Mom, I'm Learning*, which argues that a lot of good education can also take place through them, especially with games like *Oregon Trail* or *The Sims*. Evan agrees.



Evan batting at Siebert field

Well, that's it for this letter for us. We appreciate the cards and letters we received so far, and look forward to more!

***Joy, Peace, and Love to you from
the Andersons***



***"...That glorious song of old, From
angels bending near the earth...
And man at war with man hears not,
The love-song which they bring;
O! hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the Angels sing."***