

Dear Friends and Family,

June 6, 2010

Here is the latest from the Josselyn Family for year 2009/10:



*“Those who sat in darkness have seen a great light.”*

*Isaiah 9:2*

Last summer we spent one month in our children’s homeland, Liberia, ministering to the Deaf. For ministry details, you can see our website [www.tvartist.net](http://www.tvartist.net). For us as parents, it was good to understand on a deeper level the culture, hardship and depravity from which our children came. Spending a lot of time with their old friends has helped us feel more connected to their world. Even getting malaria, which was a very frightening and horrible experience, made us more sympathetic to the plight of most Africans. We are glad to be home.

*“A dream comes through much activity.”*

*Ecclesiastes 5:3*

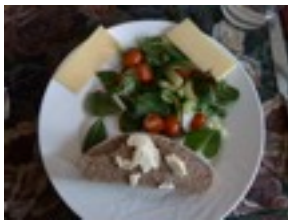
Early June, in partnership with *Silent Blessings*, Joseph directed the filming of *Dr. Wonder’s Workshop*, a nationally broadcast television show. The all-deaf cast enacts comical stories in order to illustrate Biblical principles. This June he will film Season 5, as well. The editing for Big Bible Stories- Gideon is complete and almost ready for distribution. See [www.deafmissions.com](http://www.deafmissions.com) for updates.



*“Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, in the very heart of your house.”*

*Psalms 128:3*

This year Nicole began hosting “*Kitchen Talks*” in the home, where various nutritional cooking topics were discussed and demonstrated, such as homemade chicken stock, whole-wheat wild sourdough and cultured dairy products. It was a blessing for a small group of deaf and signing ladies.



*“They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.”*

*Acts 2:46-7*

This year we have been blessed in becoming more involved with Millard Missionary Alliance Church. There are tons of homeschooling families, who love Jesus. We feel a strong sense of community and sincere love for one another there. Many people are trying to learn sign language, and the pastor is actively seeking to make the church more deaf-friendly. We love that there are many godly examples for us and for our children.



*“He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes...”*

*Who can stand before His cold?”*

*Psalms 147:16-7*

This winter was very long and frankly, depressing. Days and weeks and months of grey skies and grey ground became quite unbearable by February.



The one bonus was the record-breaking snowfall. Shoveling is good exercise, as well as sledding! Joseph and the kids made a cool snow cave. Another exciting twist was spinning out on the ice and flipping our car. A week after that we were stranded in “Boondocks, USA” for two days, coming back from a conference in Minnesota. We had opted for a motel after seeing a dozen cars in ditches off the icy roads. When the roads were finally clear, we saw literally hundreds of cars flipped or stuck in ditches.



*“Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden to tend and keep it.”  
Genesis 2:15*

Among other subjects, we have been studying Adam and Eve in the garden, emphasizing “Roles, Responsibility, Career and Spiritual Gifts”. Next quarter the kids will write a report on the career of their choice. After looking at various colleges and majors, Hadassah is considering either surgical technology or ultrasound technology, while JP is interested in airplane mechanics. For now, they have launched their own business enterprises -- JP’s Famous Kefir and Hadassah’s Wild Sourdough.



*“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb is a reward.”  
Psalm 127:3*

This is a promise the Lord had given us about more assertively pursuing conception this year. After 5 months on Clomid, our plan was to try intrauterine insemination, but honestly, we did not think any of it would work. Nicole became very depressed with the prospect of being a midwife but never experiencing pregnancy or birth herself. However, during this time her prayer was that she would be fruitful in life, whether pregnant or not. The Lord answered, and truly Nicole felt content in what the Lord has already given her. She was excited about focusing more on Hadassah and JP, while also expanding her practice to bless other families in their homebirths. Nevertheless, after her first month on Chinese herbs and last month on Clomid, we found ourselves pregnant! A baby is wiggling around as Nicole types this letter!



*“Two are better than one.”  
Ecclesiastes 4:9*  
We are expecting twins!  
They are due October 16.  
Praise the Lord!



Much Love,

Joseph, Nicole, Hadassah, JP and the Twins