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the JOSSELYN family

“BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.”
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Dear Family and Friends

June 6, 2008

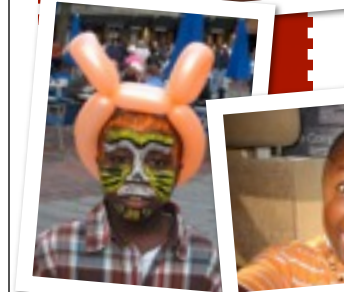
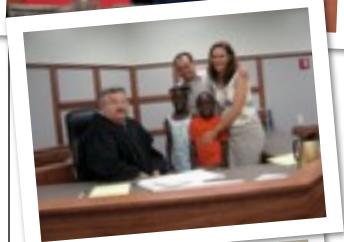
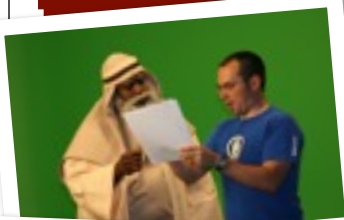
We praise God as we look back on what the Lord has done this last year and we praise God for **you**, with whom we are blessed to know and love.


Deaf Missions- Joseph completed videotaping four out of the 13 episodes for “Big Bible Stories in American Sign Language”. This series brings God’s Word to children with live deaf actors and cartoon characters. Joseph and his team completed the final edit of “Abraham” and it will be available on DVD June 16th. He also continues to work on other video projects like “LINK: ASL Sermon Series” available on internet and DVD. Presented by deaf preachers, God’s Word becomes accessible to those who may not have a signing church. Joseph also was involved with several conferences and preaching venues this year.

Exodus Homebirth Service - We celebrated 7 wonderful births this year. Our daughter Hadassah assisted with one and was very helpful. Nicole also has found herself in a thrust for public awareness and political activism in favor of safe birth options for women, while powerful medical entities aggressively oppose homebirth, regardless of its safety being demonstrated in countless reputable studies. This comes in the wake of Ricki Lake’s new, revealing film “**The Business of Being Born**”. Nicole was invited to speak in panel discussions following the screenings of the film in Omaha and Lincoln. (It’s available on Netflix and is a must see!)


Hadassah - She was baptized on her 10th birthday, Jan 4th. She wants to follow Jesus. She is very motivated in reading and writing. Her English vocabulary is expanding rapidly, grammar skills improving, and she loves writing letters, writing on paper, on napkins or anything she can get a pencil to!

JP – He is now 9 and overcoming bedwetting. This actually is helping him to increase his confidence in other areas such as communication, responsibility and decision-making. He is sweet boy and loves Jesus.







Homeschooling- We are enjoying our liberty to train up godly servants of Christ for the next generation. Not limited to our morning class time only, the children learn academics and character development throughout the day in real life. Currently, we are studying the 6th day of creation—animals and man. We are studying the animals by their indigenous continent with library books, reports and frequent zoo trips. Then, we will study the human body, while we wonder at God’s design and purpose for us.




Outreach – Both of our children are moved almost daily to pray for the salvation of the neighborhood kids, who don’t know Jesus. Last summer we had a week long Backyard Bible Club, then followed up with a monthly sign class/Bible lesson for them. We sense God is moving on the hearts of these kids and some of their parents also. The kids loved it and often are over at our house to play.




Signs of Grace Deaf Church- We began attending there regularly and have opened our home for biweekly Bible Studies. We are enjoying the openness for spiritual exercise and the opportunity for children to participate along side of their parents. In fact, our children are more active than most adults with their comments, prayers or questions, and we often need to ask them to tone their hand raising!



Food- Our family has been satisfied with delicious food prepared by ancient means. (See books The Maker’s Diet by Jordan Rubin and Nourishing Traditions by Sally Fallon.) We eat raw milk supplied by a local dairy man, organic grass fed beef from a local farmer, use homemade chicken or beef stock in many recipes, prepare cultured vegetables and dairy products, soak our grains, legumes and nuts in whey and mill our own flour for baked goods. This all requires a bit of extra preparation, but it has been fun—like a perpetual science experiment in our kitchen. Plus, since eating this way, Joseph says our food is MORE delicious, and we are feeling better overall.



The Winter- We hope next year there will be more snow and less ice. As the temperature would often rise above freezing during the day and drop below at night, we found ourselves (mostly Nicole, ahem) picking ice from the sidewalk. The ice did make for exciting snow/ice sledding. At a nearby state park, we felt like bobsledders out of control!



Visitors and Trips- We were blessed by visits from many friends and various students. In December the kids got to see the west coast for the first time and in May the east coast and see Grandpa and Grandma “D” and “J” respectively. Our pink house is always open for more visitors!

Much love,

Joseph, Nicole, Hadassah and JP

