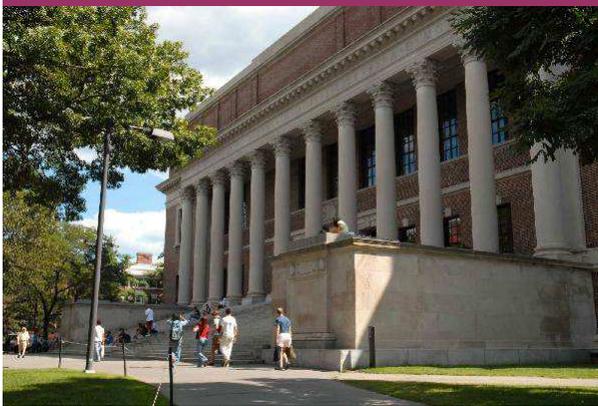


As we enter into the Thanksgiving season, we realize we have so much to be thankful for. See below for all that has happened in the last few months.

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Candy at Harvard



New School-New Routine:

"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential" ~Winston Churchill~ Life at Harvard continually challenges me, but I am finding that my efforts are paying off in ways I never expected. My classes fill my days with new ways of experiencing life. I am taking a psychology class on emotion

on Monday from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. My Tuesday class, Expository Writing, stretches me to read what I never imagined reading and explore my thoughts on "authority." Finally my Thursday class is Jesus of Nazareth and the Gospels. This class is my most challenging; it tests my faith as well as my ability to sit still for a two hour lecture.

Though the classes challenge me, the benefits are well worth the effort. My emotion class helps me seek to better understand people's emotions, which benefits both my marriage and other relationships. Expository writing includes weekly assignments; it keeps me working on communicating more clearly in writing. I also find myself honing my reading skills – a surprisingly fun benefit for someone who, two years ago, would have said she hated reading. My religion class brings about a serious inquiry into what I believe and why I believe it; this new assessment of my faith is really adding to my life and creates invigorating conversations with Tim and new friends. Through Harvard I am volunteering in the Reading Buddies program with the Amigos (elementary) School in Cambridge; my once a week visit with a second grader is the highlight of my week and reminds me of the future goal to be an educator.

Beyond the educational challenges and rewards there is a complete shift in lifestyle. While living in Washington I was a very busy person; I ran from one job to the next and then to school, to church events, missions committee activities, and while trying to be a wife for the last two years. Since moving to Massachusetts life has ceased moving at warp speed and

Praises and Prayer Requests!



As we continue on our life's journey we have much to be thankful for and things we continue to lift up in prayer. Thanks to all who continue to take this journey with us!!

Praises!

- We made it safely across the USA with no hassles!
- We found a great place to live close to school and work.
- Tim has a job at MIT as a researcher and is settling in well.
- Our house in Washington sold!
- Candy's classes at Harvard are going smoothly!
- Tim's parents had an inexpensive used Geo Metro that we were able to purchase.
- We found a great church (Grace Chapel) to plug into.
- Tim found a part time job working for the Veritas Forum to continue developing his skills in the non- profit development world.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For continued health as we enter the winter cold & Flu season.
- For continued direction for

geared down to a manageable pace. All the boxes were moved in within the first two days, but now comes the putting everything in its place, organizing, and purging. I attend classes in the evening and Tim – the sweetheart – is letting me not work my first semester so I can put my full attention on the class work and getting things organized at the house (which I'll talk about later). It has all kept me busier than I expected but I am finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel of moving and organizing.

I pray that this letter finds you and your families healthy and ready to enter the holiday season with a renewed spirit! – Candy

Tim at MIT & The Veritas Forum

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT):

In late September after we were settled in and I was anxious to start working, I was still in the running for the positions at Harvard and MIT. As it turned out the position at Harvard went to an internal candidate, and I was offered the position at MIT. That made my decision making process very easy, and I started at MIT on October 4th.

After a month and a half at MIT, I am settling into my position quite nicely. While there are a lot of similarities between the operation at MIT and the University of Washington, there are some new things to learn. Everything considered, the transition is continuing smoothly.

The Veritas Forum:

About the time I started at MIT I came across an opportunity to work part time in the evenings and weekends at a small non profit called The Veritas Forum (www.veritas.org). They were looking for a development coordinator to assist them 5-10 hrs per week with fundraising and development program. I interviewed with the Executive Director the same day I started at MIT and started working for them in early November.

So far I have helped them with some grant writing and research work for an upcoming event. In the future I will also help out with some event planning, and strategy work. This variety of experience within a non-profit organization is a great opportunity to explore what particular aspects I am good at and like doing, thus assisting me as I look toward my future.

Life in the greater Boston area & new contact information:

Candy in her education and what specific part in education she is called to play.

- For Tim as he continues to seek what the next step(s) are, and possible further education.

- Pray for safety in travel as we travel to PA for Thanksgiving and Urbana between Christmas and New Years.

- For Candy to find a part-time job that would provide additional income and potential educational tuition reimbursement.

- That we would continue to know where we are to be involved at Grace Chapel.

Quick Links...

[MIT](#)

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[Boston Mass Transit](#)

[Belmont Town Website](#)

[Map of greater Boston area including Belmont](#)

[The Amigos School](#)



Our new home at left (first floor only)

Many have asked how we could go from living on 5 acres of wooded Washington wilderness to a suburban/urban setting. While it has been a definite adjustment we continue to look at the positive things of our current situation.

So here they are -

Top 10 things we like about living in Belmont, MA:

10. Much smaller yard to upkeep.
9. When we get home at night we can leave again without driving 10 miles to reach "civilization".
8. We can both use public transportation to go to work and school.
7. Getting to work takes about 1/2 the time it used to!
6. We can walk to the bank, grocery store, library, and post office instead of taking a 9 mile drive!
5. Only need 1 car and 1 tank of gas to get through the month!
4. A smaller space forces us to continue purging unnecessary clutter.
3. Continuing focus comes with this new beginning.
2. Visiting family in PA is no longer a plane ride.
1. The fall colors here are amazing!

All of this is not to say that we don't miss our property in WA, although we did just miss out on a major time of flooding :~) We are beginning to realize how well our new adventure suites us.

A note from Candy:

We moved into the first floor of a two story Victorian that is about the same size as our place back in WA, MINUS the outdoor storage sheds we utilized to the max. Needless to say, we are paring down and purging things we do not have a use for in our lives. I find this particularly renewing and love giving new homes to things I no longer use.

Now that we are settled here, we wanted to make sure everyone had all our new contact information:

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