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Weaver's Wanderings Newsletter

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Candy Going to Harvard

Overview: For some of you most of this information might be fairly current. For others we haven't spoken to in the last couple of months, this is hot off the presses. It has been a wild ride so hold on.

How did this all happen?

Just when things seemed to be settling down for us and we were starting to get our footing again, we received the most unexpected news. If you remember from our last newsletter Candy was part of the Washington State All-Academic Team. What that means in a nutshell is out of approximately 160,000 community college students she was one of 64 selected (1 of 2 from her school) to be a part of this team. That meant she won a scholarship, met the governor of Washington, and then was entered into a national competition against other students from other states for additional scholarships and awards. At the national level she did not win anything additional, but there was a lot of publicity around the competition. Through that publicity an invitation to apply at Harvard arrived in late May. I returned home from Guatemala on May 27th to hear the good news, but we both figured nice offer but not for us. That next week, I went into work and saw that Harvard was hiring for a prospect researcher (what I do at the UW) and thought that maybe this is something we should consider further. After some prayer and further investigation of the opportunity on June 15th we decided to pursue things further. In the mean time, Candy has applied and been provisionally accepted into the program to finish her undergraduate degree. She has to take 3 classes, one of which is a mandatory intensive writing class, and get at least a B- or better. Once she meets those requirements she will be able to apply for a liberal arts degree at Harvard. She has already been awarded the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship that will fully pay for those first three classes. Read on below for how other areas are coming together.

Prayer Requests!

As we continue on this wild ride there are a number of things we would ask you to lift up in prayer for us. God still needs to bring a number of things together to make this all happen.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Safety in travel to Boston for Tim's interviews and looking for housing.
- For Tim's interviews to go well and for at least one job offer.
- To find a suitable rental place that is not too expensive.
- For our house in WA to close on time with no obstacles.
- For us to be able to find a car when we get to the Boston area. Our two current cars will not be going with us due to them both having ~250,000 miles on them.
- For Tim's new job to pay for at least some of the relocation costs. Right now it looks like they probably will not.
- Pray that all our responsibilities here in WA would transition well.
- Specifically pray for the two places Candy worked

What is Tim going to do?

Job Opportunities:

As was mentioned above I saw that Harvard was hiring a prospect researcher, which I could apply. After further investigation I found four universities, Harvard, MIT, Brown, and Tufts University, which were all in the process of hiring a prospect researcher. Also, my former boss knew people at all four universities and sent letters of introduction letting them know I was looking to relocate to the Boston-Cambridge area and that she recommended they take a look at me. Tufts University was already at the point of making an offer to someone, so they passed, but Harvard, MIT, and Brown all did a phone interview with me in early to mid July. So, Candy and I will be flying back to the Boston-Cambridge area on August 15th for two reasons. I have final interviews at Harvard, MIT and Brown on the 16th, 17th, and 18th and we are staying the weekend and Monday to hunt for a place to rent for a year; then fly home on August 22nd.

Moving to Cambridge, MA!

One additional major hurdle was selling our property here in Washington in a very short timeframe. We spent late June and early July fixing the place up as Candy applied to Harvard and I looked into job opportunities. As soon as I had phone interviews that were leading to final interviews and Candy was provisionally accepted to Harvard, we were ready to put the house on the market. Once again God had to bring it all together; in just over 2 weeks we had a signed sales agreement on our 5 acres with a single wide manufactured home. Pretty amazing as the people prior to us had a very difficult time selling the property. Even more amazing was Candy needed to get some shots for school and our normal doctor's office couldn't fit her in so she went to another office, while in talking to one of the nurses about why she was getting the shots, and the need to sell our place, the nurse said she knew someone who was interested in exactly what we had to offer; they are the ones who are buying our place! God is so good! If all goes well we will close on August 30th and leave Duvall, WA on September 1st to travel cross country in the U-Haul to arrive in the Cambridge area by September 8th. Candy's classes start on September 18th and I would probably start work at the same time.

to find replacements for the fall: DCS – the elementary school and SE – the riding facility.

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