

As we enter into mid May, we are again in the midst of opportunities and changes. See below for all that has happened in the last few months.

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My Second Semester and Other News



New Semester at School:

My second semester is ending in two weeks, and I can barely believe we've been here for over seven months. This semester I am studying Personality Theory and World Englishes. Personality theory is a psychology based class and explores the many theories surrounding how we become the people we present to the world around us. While my personality theory class is very interesting and will help me with handling the various personalities of students I encounter when I teach, my World Englishes class, a linguistics class, currently tops my list of best classes taken to date.

Linguistics is a very interesting area of study; it revolves around the features and characteristics of language. World Englishes explores the varieties of English spoken around the world, how the language began, how it spread, and its' specific characteristics and features found around the world. My general interest in language was expressed through learning Spanish and later teaching it at Duvall Christian School, and my reading buddy here in Cambridge, but the exposure to linguistics through this class is really influencing me to look into getting my TEFL certification.

TEFL certification would allow me to teach English as a second language to people from foreign countries. Before I jump into certification I plan on helping with the ESL (English as a Second Language) program at our church this summer. I want to get a feel of what is involved with teaching ESL so I can make an informed decision before I focus my studies for teaching around ESL or ELL (English Language Learners). I think volunteering will help me make sure it is a good fit to use my desire to teach, my interest in languages, and my personality to work with ELL students.

On the job front: My new job at MIT is as an administrative assistant for Professor R. J. Cohen. I really like the group of seven graduate students and the professor. It is a really great atmosphere and I really like the work. The lab does research in heart related technologies (see the web link for details).

A fun thing for the next 6 weeks! I found an opportunity to get my horse fixed this spring. The Boston Center for Adult Education offers a beginners polo class (yes, it is real polo with a real horse). The first session was last week and 20 of us, from people who have never been on a horse to veterans like me are learning the ins and outs of the sport of polo. I'll have Tim take some pictures and send them along in our next newsletter.

I want to thank all of you for holding Tim and me in your thoughts and prayers. I pray

Praises and Prayer Requests!



As we continue on our life 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!

- Candy got a full time job with education benefits at MIT!
- We got involved in a small group at Grace Chapel only a mile from our house.
- Spring is finally here in Boston!
- Candy's classes at Harvard are going smoothly!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For continued direction as Tim applies for the Global and Regional Outreach Pastor position at Grace Chapel.
- For continued direction for Candy in her education and what specific part in education she is called to play.
- For safety as we travel to celebrate Tim's mom's 60th birthday over the July 4th week.
- Pray for safety in travel as Tim's parents and

this letter finds your family excited for Spring and the refreshing it brings to your lives.
- Candy

Tim at MIT & Looking at new job opportunity

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT):

I have really settled in well at MIT and have the privilege of working with a great group of fundraisers! While things are very similar to what I was doing at the University of Washington, there are also many new things that I am learning and having fun continuing to understand more about the whole fundraising process.

A New Job Opportunity:

When we first came to the Boston area in mid August for me to interview and find a place to live we visited two churches; Grace Chapel and Park Street Church. We fell in love with Grace Chapel and started attending regularly when we arrived in September, becoming members in the fall. Right before we moved here their missions pastor left for another pastoral position in Michigan. At the time we did not know what the process for finding a replacement might look like, but one thought that resonated in my mind was something Cindy Potter said to us as we were preparing to leave. She said that Candy going to Harvard may not be the only reason for us moving to the Boston area, it was just what God was using to get us here. Just recently they finally posted the position for a Global and Regional Outreach Pastor. I have talked with the Local Outreach pastor who is currently serving as the interim, and he has encouraged me to apply. Who knows where all this will lead, but I would ask for your prayers as we continue to seek out direction for our future.

Life in the greater Boston area & new contact information:



During the first part of the winter we had a very mild and calm winter compared to the storms and flooding out in Washington, and we were thinking we left at a great time :). However, the second part of the winter here in Boston has been colder than normal and as I started writing this newsletter we are in the middle of a nor-easter where we are predicted to get 3-6 inches of rain! Oh well you can't win them all.

We continue to adjust to our new surroundings here.

With easy access to public transportation we have gone from two cars and over 30,000 miles annually to one car that will probably see less than 8,000 miles this year!

A note from Candy:

My heart felt desire to bring forth Spring and some warmer weather prompted me to do some planting. Well if you know me, you know I plant things and they don't tend to live very long. I planted some pots with seeds for tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and some really pretty "poppy like" flower. Hopefully my less hurried life here in Boston will allow me to better tend my plants, only time will tell.

Now that we are settled here, we wanted to make sure everyone knows how much we would love to have you visit. The Greater Boston Area is a wonderful place to bring your family for a trip through history (like the USS Constitution above). If you are in the area or are thinking about a trip this way let us know; we would love to meet up and/or show you around.

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brother's family travel to the Boston area in late July.

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