



I'M SO CUTE!

2006 THE MAXWELLS

WOW, 2006 HAS BEEN AMAZING! IN FEBRUARY JAMES WAS BORN. WHAT A CRAZY RIDE! AS A RESULT OF THIS PRECIOUS GIFT WE HAVE LOST MOST OF OUR SPONTANEITY, BUT HAVE GAINED BLESSINGS FAR BEYOND OUR EXPECTATION.

IN JUNE, WHEN JIMMY WAS 4 MONTHS OLD, WE TRAVELLED WITH OUR GRADUATING YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS TO LAKE MEAD, NV, AN HOUR OUTSIDE OF LAS VEGAS. WE SPENT A WEEK ON A HOUSEBOAT WITH THE STUDENTS. IT WAS A GREAT TIME OF RELAXING, HANGING OUT WITH THE KIDS, AND CHALLENGING THEM TO CONTINUE TO BUILD THEIR FAITH DURING THEIR UPCOMING LIFE CHANGES. DURING OUR TRIP HOME A FLIGHT DELAY FORCED US TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE DENVER AIRPORT. THESE TYPES OF UNEXPECTED EVENTS ARE THE STUFF THAT YOUTH MINISTRY IS MADE OF.

IN AUGUST WE FLEW TO MICHIGAN TO VISIT KEVIN'S EXTENDED FAMILY. IT WAS A RELAXING TIME, WITH KEVIN AND I GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SNEAK OUT FOR SOME MUCH NEEDED TIME ALONE. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR TRIP WAS A VISIT TO THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM, NEAR DETROIT. THE MUSEUM BOASTS AN ABUNDANCE OF VARIED EXHIBITS, INCLUDING THE HISTORY OF THE AUTOMOBILE, AND A BASEBALL HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT.

IN SEPTEMBER WE BEGAN A NEW MINISTRY YEAR, WITH A NEW GROUP OF STUDENTS (OUR SENIORS GRADUATED IN THE SPRING). HELLO JUNIOR HIGH! AFTER ONLY A WEEK OF MEETING WITH OUR 6TH GRADERS WE BOTH AGREED THAT THESE KIDS HAD STOLEN OUR HEARTS. WE HAD BEEN NERVOUS ABOUT ENTERING JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY AFTER GETTING USED TO HIGH SCHOOL, BUT WE ARE SO GLAD THAT WE MADE THE MOVE, AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN BLESSED TREMENDOUSLY.

IT'S WITH A SENSE OF CONTENTMENT THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2007. I (JANEEN) AM FEELING THE NEED TO GET MY HOUSE ORGANIZED WHILE I HAVE THE CHANCE (SINCE RIGHT NOW WE ONLY HAVE ONE MUNCHKIN BENT ON DISORDER). KEVIN HAS BEEN EXCELLING AT M.E.A., INCLUDING EARNING EXCELLENT WORK REVIEWS. KEVIN IS EXCITED TO COMPLETE SEVERAL HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THIS SUMMER. JIMMY IS INCHING TOWARD HIS FIRST STEPS, AND SURELY WILL ACHIEVE MANY MORE FIRSTS THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR. WHAT ELSE DOES GOD HAVE FOR US THIS YEAR? WE EAGERLY AWAIT THE FULFILLMENT OF HIS PLAN IN OUR LIVES. CONTINUE TO SHAPE US, LORD!.

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