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A Farquhar Family Production

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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1

A picture is worth a thousand words—since we are behind on our words to you we have included lots of pictures.

Winter



The city of Elgin informed us that the 65 year old trees on our tree bank were not healthy and would be cut down. The city tree program covers half the cost to replace them with young saplings, but it still

will cost us \$300. We were able to enjoy the trees till October. We are thankful that they didn't fall on anyone, especially during several tornado warnings in May.



Michael had a good season in gymnastics. He qualified for regionals which were held at Champaign/Urbana Illinois.

—Ministry at International Teams—Ministry at International Teams—

Dann has been working on web applications for International Teams. The TEmp (Team Empowerment Plan) tool will allow each missionary to post what their team is doing. Having this information online will help all of IT to better work together.



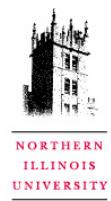
Dann traveled to Canada in May for spiritual renewal at the annual International Leadership Forum (ILF). The team leaders were trained on the use of the on-line TEmp tool. Dann was busy helping the attendees with various computer questions and learning their needs to be better able to develop computer applications. It was a welcome change of pace from the challenge of repairing and updating servers and dealing with spam, spyware and viruses.

Spring

Awana ended in April with Rachel receiving a Timothy Award for finishing six books. Michael, Danny and Joseph received awards as fifth, second and first book finishers.



Ben graduated from Larkin High School in June. He finished well, then went on to work the summer painting houses.



He is now attending Northern Illinois University majoring in business administration.



Summer

Dann went on a father-child campout with Joseph, Danny, Michael, Rachel and Kyla.

Danny, Joseph (with Pastor Tim) and Michael had success in catching fish at the lake.



Matt went on a mission trip to Niagara Falls with Reach-USA (a youth helps ministry) to help that community by fixing houses in low income areas.



Current Concerns



Our faithful dog, Hershey, is 14. The cost of her medications has escalated to \$80 per month plus vet fees. We are praying about options for her care.

If we have the money we hope to go to California in April 2005 to attend the 100th birthday party of Dann's Grandma.



Estimated Cost

Airfare for 9	\$1900 - \$2700
Van Rental	\$500 - \$700
Hotel 2 rms 3 nts	\$480 - \$960



—Jesus answers prayer—Jesus answers prayer—Jesus answers prayer—Jesus answers prayer—Jesus answers prayer—

The next ILF is in Australia. We are praying for the necessary funds to allow Nancy (and kids?) to accompany Dann. This is a valuable time to serve and connect with IT folks worldwide.

Estimated Costs per Person

ILF Cost	\$425
Transportation	\$1500



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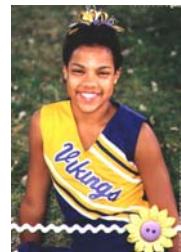
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Fall



Michael again played for the Elgin Youth Football League's Vikings team. He was cheered on by Rachel.



Kyla played well in her second season of field hockey for Elgin Academy. After two years and multiple surgeries Matt is back playing basketball for Elgin Academy. It has been a long road of re-hab and heartbreak; praise the Lord things are looking up.



Matt and Kyla's second year at Elgin Academy is off to a good start. They had a great time at the homecoming dance, where Matt was chosen for the royal court. It was a zoo getting them ready to go--ask for details.



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