

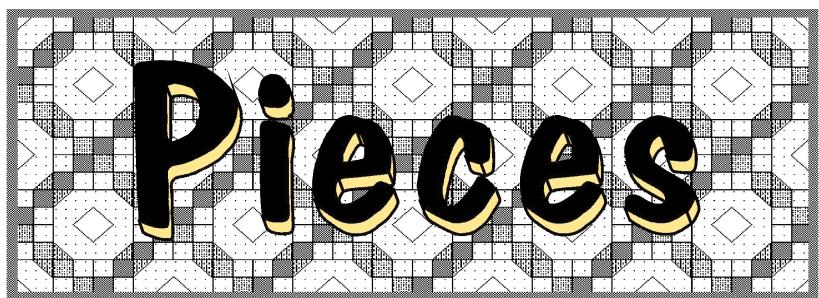
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A Farquhar Family Production

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However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 1 Cor 2:9 (NIV)

So far 2006 has been full of ups and downs and times when we haven't known what to expect. You probably face that too. **However**, when we look back we can see God has been leading and providing, and we are grateful.

At International Teams the donation process was changed, requiring Dann to write some extra programs for the new method of entering donations, **However**, though the trial period for the new process was during our busiest month, there were no real problems. ITeams is now using the new system and the process is running smoothly.



Dann attended the International Leadership Forum (ILF) which was held near Amsterdam, Netherlands. He arrived two days early to set up an Internet Café. He was kept busy minding the Café and helping those with computer problems, **However**, he was able to fellowship with those attending. During the conference he assisted in recording the sessions and providing technical help for the missionaries giving presentations about their ministries.

In an effort to operate more efficiently the Elgin Ministry Center (EMC) staff is currently smaller. As staff members left they have not been replaced. Dann is helping the Mobilization department at the EMC to operate more efficiently by customizing existing software to meet their needs as they track the relationships of potential missionaries.

Earlier this year Nancy attended a ten-week Bible study by Beth Moore, called 'Believing God.' During that time the car and van needed costly repairs, the vacuum cleaner broke. Broken beyond the price of reasonable repair were the dishwasher and washing machine. **However**, week after week came the unexpected. God chose to meet our needs in what we came to call

Faithful Fridays. A check arrived to help cover part of the cost of the car repairs, a dishwasher was given, a washing machine was donated, even a blender, some new clothes, and a Hoosier cupboard (which Nancy loves) were given to us. This season of generosity from God greatly encouraged us to whole-heartedly believe God, as Nancy's Bible study taught.

Another baby? Really? In February we received a call from our foster care agency asking if we would care for a newborn baby while awaiting her adoption. We prayerfully said yes. We brought two day old "Tanya" home from the hospital. For the next eight weeks she was a joy to have as a part of our lives. Yes, we lost sleep and missed her when she left. **However**, we were blessed to be able to care for a child for the adoptive family in the same way that others cared for our children before they came to us.



Thanks to encouragement from Nancy's Mom, Nancy is now involved in knitting prayer shawls. In this international ministry women gather together regularly to knit prayer shawls. God's blessing is asked over their handiwork; the shawls are then given to people as comfort in a crisis or for encouragement during a time of life change.

Prayer Requests

- Financial Needs:

Vehicle repairs	\$1,500
Dental expenses	\$2,000
Anticipated ortho	\$3,000
House renovation	\$20,000
- Wisdom for Matt's college choice
- Balancing priorities



We headed to Pennsylvania in June for a family reunion. We had a great time visiting with our relatives.

After spending a summer at home working with children at the local YMCA, Ben has started his junior year at NIU majoring in business administration. He is enjoying his independence.

Matt has been keeping himself busy with basketball, two proms (pictured here with Kaytee), and getting his wisdom teeth removed. It's too bad you have to pay so much, and endure pain to get something removed. His summer job was working on the paint crew at Elgin Academy. In September Matt and Dad visited five colleges in six days and now, a high school senior, Matt is involved in soccer, homework and of course that all-consuming decision on a college.



Kyla's spring was full of basketball, physical therapy after spraining her ankle, soccer (even scoring some goals!), volunteer work at a homeless shelter and a soup kitchen, and finishing her sophomore year well. She worked at Dairy Queen for the summer (yummy), took drivers ed (help!), and is now back at school and playing field hockey.

Danny, now in fourth grade, loves his teacher and is doing well. He is showing a great interest in writing books. He finished his AWANA book last year and is studying hard to learn the Bible verses in the next book. He is having a great time at the weekly AWANA meetings where Dann and Nancy are leaders.



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Rachel did well at Westminster Christian School (WCS), and enjoyed playing basketball and soccer for the school. She finished eighth grade well with a memorable recognition ceremony. She is now a freshman and just attended her first homecoming dance.



Michael had a solid gymnastics season making it to State, Regional, and National competitions. He is doing well at WCS, now in the seventh grade. When he has a few free minutes he likes to dabble at playing the piano or drums.

Joseph enjoyed his first grade year at WCS. He is thrilled to be with his second grade friends each day. He and Danny were given an opportunity to attend Camp Invention science day camp in July. This creative approach to science really sparked their interest--watch out for future Einsteins.

Work on the exterior of our house is progressing. **However**, although not as fast as we would hope. We had a work day in May and were able to make some progress on the south and west sides thanks to help from friends in ABODE, a local old home lovers group. Please keep in your prayers our need for time, money and know-how as we have to meet some deadlines imposed by the city.



Cami is the latest addition to our family she is a super friendly black lab belonging to a friend, staying with us until Chatherine's housing situation again allows for dogs. We've never known a smarter, more affectionate doggy.

Serving Christ with you,

Dann and Nancy

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