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A Farquhar Family Production

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You may have wondered, "Why haven't we heard from the Farquhars in so long?" That's a good question! Although we really have no good excuse, you might learn a little from the following:

TOP TEN REASONS WE HAVE NOT WRITTEN THIS YEAR

Reason # 10

19 Years of Home
Schooling Come to an
End

The year began with the continuation of home schooling Joseph, Danny, Michael, and Rachel. In September a donor offered to cover the cost of sending them to a private Christian school. The kids and Nancy have quickly adjusted and love it. Ben is a sophomore at Northern Illinois University; Matt and Kyla continue to do well at Elgin Academy,



Reason # 9

10 Trips to Summer
Camp

God provided Christian camping for Matt, Kyla, David, Rachel, and Michael. Theater and sports camp, Father's church campout, plus day camps for Danny, Domunique and Joseph, rounded out a busy summer.



Reason # 8

28 Dental
Appointments.

In addition to the kids' routine visits, Dann and Nancy both needed major dental work that strained the time and financial budgets. They still have more work to be done as the budget allows, plus Matt and Kyla need their wisdom teeth pulled. Don't even ask about medical appointments.



Reason # 7

800 Missionaries and
250 Emails a Week

One example of the growth of International Teams is the doubling to 693 summer missionaries. Financial reports, computer purchases and installations are all impacted.



Reason # 6

9 Trips Out of State

Ministry-related conferences to Indiana and Australia (YES we made it!); kids sporting events, and brief family visits to Indiana, Pennsylvania and California (Grandma's 100th birthday) kept the suitcases in use.



Reason # 5

1 Monumental
Renovation Project

April 23 marked the 'Great Unveiling'...the aluminum siding on our 112 year old house was removed thanks to ABODE, a local club for old house lovers. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the extensive repair work required that is beyond our ability.



Reason # 4
45 Hours a Week
Babysitting

After a year of babysitting 2½ hours a day, Nancy began a wonderful full-time commitment to Tabitha, a friend's baby who just turned 2.



Reason # 3
76 Sporting Events

Gymnastics, Football, Field Hockey, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Softball competitions plus countless hours of practice. We love to watch our kids compete and are proud of all they accomplish, in both athletic ability and character growth.

Reason # 2
2 New Children

We became foster parents again when David (age 14) and Domunique (age 7) joined us in February and were part of our family through October. They are great kids; we miss them and pray for their best.



Reason # 1
There isn't one!

It took us this long to come up with a theme for the newsletter? We didn't get around to it? Time just got away from us? You're the forgiving type and we hoped you would understand?

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

It may have been hard to tell but you truly are important to us. Your friendship, love, prayers, and gifts mean more than we can say.



Visiting Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving

Serving Christ with you in 2006,
Dann and Nancy



Matt and Kyla at Elgin Academy
Scholarship Breakfast



Ben at NIU



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