

Merry Christmas from Colorado and Korea!

This year has been an especially interesting year for us. We finished some old projects and without missing a beat dove into new ones. We were fortunate to have visitors throughout the year, some short-term and others a little longer. Of course, the dogs maintained their premier status here in the house. (They really are the ones in charge!)

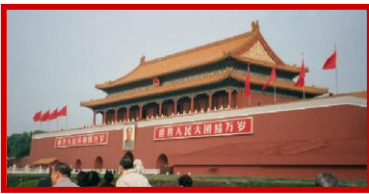
The first part of the year brought us face-to-face with the last semester of and graduation from our three-year graduate programs. We are thankful for the experience. During this time we were also preparing Robert for a yearlong remote assignment to Seoul, South Korea. With Robert's departure on May 1st, we settled into a routine of letters, phone calls, and video calls via the Internet.



Summer brought a stream of visitors to Colorado to make sure Davina was staying out of trouble. August, in particular, brought Jeanne (Davina's sister) to Colorado for an extended four-month stay. Having her here has been a welcome change. She will be leaving shortly before

Christmas to prepare to start graduate school in Buffalo in January.

Throughout the summer we were planning for Davina's long-anticipated trip to Korea to visit Robert. She was able to visit for two weeks in October. It was an incredible journey highlighted not only by being able to reacquaint with Robert but also a four-day trip to Beijing, China. We were able to visit the Great Wall. What an amazing experience! Although it was foggy and misty the day we visited and walked a portion of the Wall, it was fascinating to think about how the Wall had been built 600 years ago all by hand and that it stretches a distance from Philadelphia to Hawaii.



For Thanksgiving, Jeanne, Davina, and their Dad drove to Gresham, Oregon to visit Katherine (also Davina's sister). It was an enjoyable visit. That area is certainly beautiful - especially the water falls in the Columbia River Gorge.

As the year draws to a close, it is hard to believe that it has gone by so quickly with so much packed into it. It certainly will be a year to remember.

Have a peace-filled holiday season!

Love,
Robert and Davina

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Davina*

