



New House, New Car, New Job, New Dog...

The new house was last year, when we moved from Monona to Fitchburg. But just in the last few weeks we upgraded our family van from a 2003 model to 2007, Anne has a new nanny position (after 4½ years with a great family), and we lost Abby so now we have Basher.

Basher belonged to Sara's family and they were willing to share him with us, so I drove out to Virginia in October. We did a little hiking on the Appalachian Trail while I was there. Ryan did not go with us, so we missed getting him in the photo with Sara, Lana, and Audrey.

Sam continues working at Epic, a medical software company. Drew and Eden came for a visit in June. Brian, Mika, and Anna came for a visit in August. Sara and the girls came for a visit in March.

One of the highlights of my year was working with colleagues at InterVarsity Press to help arrange a donation of Bible reference books to a new seminary inside Waupun Prison. It's an innovative new reform sweeping prisons in a number of states and changing the prisons from inside out. In May I was in Israel for a couple of weeks and enjoyed the privilege of hiking The Jesus Trail, a 4-day, 40-mile trek from Nazareth to Capernaum.

We send blessings to your family this Christmas season, and best wishes for the new year.

