

Just today Shirleen turned to me and said, "We're not in Alaska any more." Sure enough, we have been Outside for a month and a half already. What a huge change in cultures! In Chicago there is a shopping center that is a one mile long street called the "Magnificent Mile," which on a busy day will have more people on it than the entire population of Alaska. As you can guess, the pace of life is much more hectic here than our home.

Besides the culture shock, we have found many opportunities to enjoy Chicago. We have had some great adventures downtown (see the back for some pictures) and have made some great friends. We are part of a Seminary Bible Study that meets weekly to study the book of Luke. In the group there are four families with small children, so it is fun fellowship. We are also blessed to have 3 of our friends from Alaska in the same apartment building as us as they also study to return and do ministry. Overall, there are 5 of us students from Alaska in Seminary and if you include spouses and children, there are 14 of us Alaskans here! We have all gotten together a couple of times, and plan to do it again as we have caribou, maktak, clams, berries, and salmon next week to celebrate Fall Break.

Classes have been intense. I have learned a TON. I have a couple of favorite classes; Old Testament Narratives, and Conversion. In my Old Testament class, we take a look at one story from the Bible and *act it out* every single week. After we act it out, we dive in and look for "preaching points." In my conversion class, a couple of weeks ago we heard from 17 scholars from various fields regarding what the significance of conversion is. I came away with some great ideas for Alaskan ministry and how we do baptism.

Shirleen and I are also helping lead a small team of undergraduate students on a mission trip to Alaska this summer. We will help with regular meetings to prepare students for the culture and the ministry up at Bible Camp in Unalakleet. We are excited for the opportunity to share our Alaska world with the students here in Chicago!

CYAK work has been steady as Shirleen and I share the tasks given to us. We have completed an updated directory for youth workers, have worked on a prayer calendar, and have also worked on other various projects, including updating the website and helping with newsletters. We actually have been able to work a little bit more than we expected, so our finances have been pretty good so far. *Thank you to everyone that has given to support our 100% fundraised salary!*

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the health of the London family. The H1N1 flu virus has been going around the school, and we want to stay away from it!
- Please pray for Adam as he studies. Pray that he will honor God and that what he is learning will help him be a great pastor some day.
- Please pray for Shirleen as she gets homesick at times.
- Please pray for continued provision for the London's finances.

Thank you for your prayers! They DO make a difference!

Getting to Know the Londons



Hi, my name is Thomas. My papa calls me Tom-moose and my mom calls me Boo-boo. I am 6 months old. So far I have had an exciting life. I have been to many places: Anchorage, Barrow, Atkasuk, Fairbanks, Homer, Denver, Wisconsin, and Chicago.

We live in Chicago. I guess I like it. It is getting colder now. My mom makes me wear a hat when it is 55 degrees out. When we first got here it was too hot.

My parents tell me that I am blessed, and I should be thankful for all the showers and gifts people have given me. Thank you!

I have learned to do many new things. At 2 mo. I was rolling from my tummy to my back and my neck was really strong and I could hold my head up for long periods of time. By three months I was sleeping 8-12 hrs a night and I realized how fun it is to be tickled. I even laughed at that time. I laugh all the time now and growl. When I was 4 mo. old I said words such as baba and dada. Now, I have two bottom teeth. I love to crawl. Carrots are my favorite food. I can even sit up on my own. Check out my mom and dad's blogs!

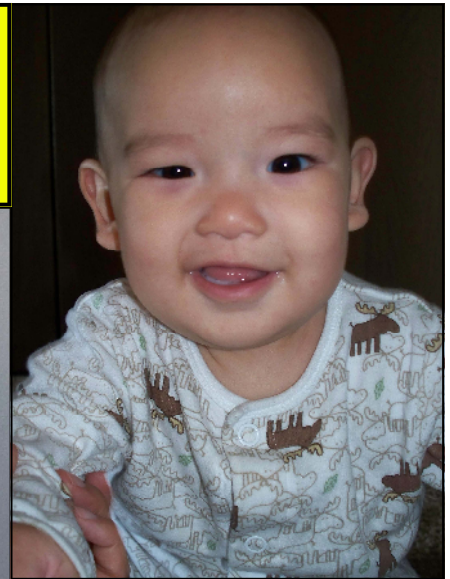


Adam & Thomas in Chicago's Chinatown during the Moon Festival. This parade happens every 5 years.

SnapShots



Congratulations Anthony & Nicole!
Baby Hollis (our niece) was born August 13th.



Thomas was sitting up on his own when he was five months old. He is growing so much everyday!



Thomas and his amau (great grandma), Jennie in Atkasuk. The last few days in Alaska.



Before we left Alaska, Adam spent his last days in Unalakleet during the young adult Bible camp. What a fish!



Shirleen & Thomas dipnetting. Shirleen actually caught a few fish with Thomas in the carrier.



Tommy wearing a fur hat he found at aaka's (grandma's) house.

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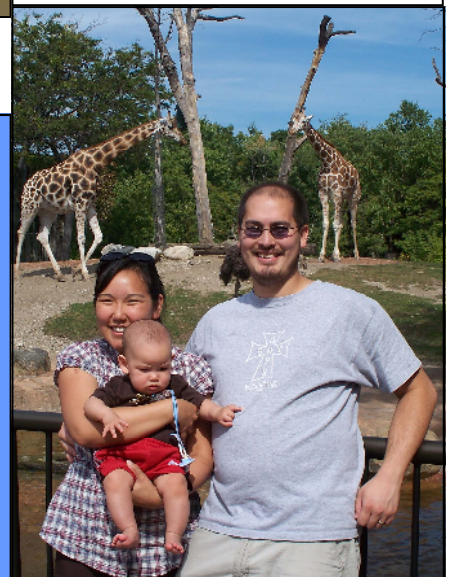
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Baby Tommy's first zoo experience. We went to Lincoln Park Zoo and saw some great animals.