

# Glimpses of our life



**Celebrating Verna's birthday with family**

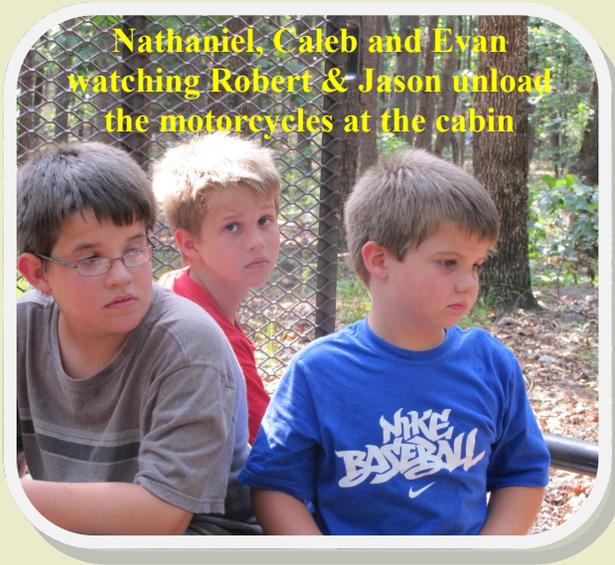


**Robert helping a supporter with home maintenance**



**Relaxing at Shalom's Church Picnic**

We had a wonderful time on Memorial week-end with Jason, Anna and their boys at their cabin in Oklahoma. We rode the trails on motorcycles and quads.



**Nathaniel, Caleb and Evan watching Robert & Jason unload the motorcycles at the cabin**

In June, we traveled to Manitoba by car. We visited Verna's mother, took in the Landmark Collegiate 50th anniversary celebration, spoke in Shalom Family Centre, attended Shalom's church picnic on Canada Day. We spoke at Woodhaven Manor and visited many of our supporters and friends. Then we traveled to Indiana where we spoke at Fremont Community Church and visited Robert's family and supporters. We praise the Lord for safe travels.



**Verna with her graduating class of '66**

Verna was delighted to be able to attend her High School's 50th anniversary reunion. Landmark Collegiate opened in the fall of '62 when she began 9th grade. She met classmates and teachers she had not seen for almost 50 years.



**Celebrating Robert's birthday with friends**

## Change of Assignment

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Verna received the following email from Dr. Brian O'Herin, International Linguistics Coordinator, entitled, *An opportunity to consider*:

*As part of SIL's process of reorganizing International Academic Services, we are looking to create service units focused around specific products, as opposed to being organized around traditional academic domains. I am responsible for helping put together a service unit focused on lexicography (in all its aspects – monolingual and bilingual dictionaries, glossaries of various types, word lists, lexical databases, thesauruses, etc.).*

*In discussing people who could possibly take on a leadership role in this service unit, your name came up very favorably, and after some discussion, you ended up at the top of the list. With your background in a language program, training and counseling at different times in your career, you bring together a collection of gifts and experiences that could make you especially suited to this position. So I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider taking on this position. I firmly believe in finding the \*right\* person for a position, not just someone who is willing and able, so this invitation does not come lightly, but after careful prayer and consideration.*

Verna's initial response was to feel overwhelmed, but after prayer and processing with family and friends, she accepted this new challenge. She has terminated her counseling ministry and is now the new *Dictionary and Lexicography Services Coordinator* for *SIL International*.

First ever consultant training workshop for VAST translation consultants-June 19-20, 2012 in Dallas.



## New Opportunities

Robert had an opportunity to attend a translation consultant training workshop for VAST (Video Audio Strategies for Translation) in June. VAST is a unique approach for oral communities, where the video of the "JESUS" film is used as the source text for translating the film's script, which is taken directly from the Gospel of Luke. Using VAST, the "JESUS" film can be scripted and produced in another language within four months rather than the usual three years.

Robert is planning to go to India for the month of October, where he will be involved in the production of the "JESUS" film into two Indian languages using the VAST technology.

## Prayer

- Please pray for Verna as she begins her new role as DLS coordinator.
- Please pray for Robert as he prepares for his trip to India.
- We continue to pray for you that our Heavenly Father will prosper you and keep you in divine health, even as your soul prospers.
- Thank you for your love and care for us. We love and appreciate you more than you can ever know!

*Robert & Verna*

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