

Anderson Family Report 2007

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Happy Holidays from our family!

Season's Greetings! We want to thank all of you who have been getting out your cards and letters earlier. We have been enjoying them all. It is great to be able to catch up with what you have been doing.

Gordon and Mary Jane have been involved in many of the same projects as last year, just taking on more responsibilities and having less free time.

- In January we went to Orlando for a conference for the *New World Encyclopedia* (www.newworldencyclopedia.org), for which Gordon has been business manager. It is finishing up Phase 1, with over 4,000 articles on-line and about 4,000 more in the next six months.
- We stopped to visit Gordon's sister Joan and her husband Rick and daughter Kate who live in Orlando. It was a nice chance to get away from Minnesota's winter.
- We traveled to North Carolina in July, where we celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary together with Tami and Jaga who have now been married 5 years.

In August we received Zafar, an exchange student from Afghanistan as a result of Mary Jane's work with Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (PECA) (<http://www.afghanmodelschool.org/>).

- Just after he arrived, we attended a Carlson Family reunion, which involved about 100 relatives descended from of Gordon's great-grandfather on his mother's side.
- After Christmas we drove down to St. Louis to the wedding of Beaumont Oliver and Sara Morgan, whose parents we have known since the 1970s.
- Gordon is still Executive Director of Paragon House publishers (www.paragonhouse.com)
Gordon also edits *International Journal on World*



Standing: Zafar, Evan, Tami, Jaga, Jayna; Seated: Greta, Mary Jane, Gordon

Peace, serves as a Trustee of the University of Bridgeport, and is President of the Minnesota Legislative Evaluation Assembly.

- Mary Jane thoroughly enjoys working as a nurse consultant for Amy Johnson Residence, an assisted living home for 25 people. It is in an old mansion built in 1888 near Summit Avenue in St. Paul which is on the historic registry.
- She continues AVON sales and involvement in other organizations including the White Bear Women's Club and Women's Federation for World Peace.



Mary Jane and Gordon spent their 25th wedding anniversary in North Carolina

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Tami and Jaga at a resort in North Carolina

Tami and Jaga Gavin

- Tami and Jaga celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary.
- Tami, an interior designer, works with an architect this summer and has a number of free-lance activites. Jaga, is completing carpentry school and hopes to do high end cabinetry.
- This year they bought their first house and have been doing a lot of remodeling.



Tami and Jaga bought their first house near Asheville, NC



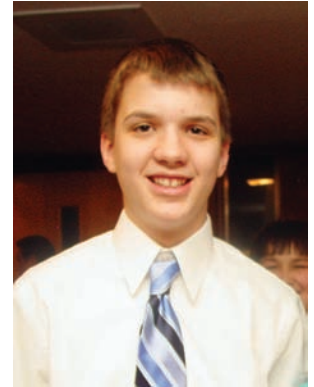
Jayna by our Christmas tree

Jayna (22)

- Graduated from the U of M School of Journalism with a minor in Business.
- Worked at Paragon House doing typesetting and book advertising, and also worked at the White Bear Yacht Club and Fabulous Fern's restaurant.
- Lives in an apartment near downtown Minneapolis.
- Went to Washington, DC, where she met her cousin Britta and saw some fantastic art.

Evan (17)

- In 11th grade at White Bear Lake South Campus
- Went camping with friends in Washington state near Mt. St. Helens.
- Plays recreational basketball this winter.
- Likes science, technology, video games, and lan parties.
- Took advanced communications and had to read many classic books.



Evan at 17



Greta at 18

Greta (18)

- Graduated from High School.
- Attends the University of Minnesota School of Design.
- Lived in a dorm Fall semester and is moving to a house with other girls for the Spring.
- Took a trip to Los Angeles for a youth evangelism conference.
- Likes art, cooking, photography and other creative activities.

Zafar(16)

- Exchange student visiting from Afghanistan from August 2007 to June 2008.
- He is in 10th grade, and played high school soccer in the fall for White Bear Lake.
- As a youth Ambassador, gives presentations about Afghanistan, and will bring information about life in America back to Afghanistan.
- He tried lots of new activities like bowling, skating, and cross-country skiing.



Zafar in front of the Stillwater bridge



"...THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD, FROM ANGELS BENDING NEAR THE EARTH... AND MAN AT WAR WITH MAN HEARS NOT, THE LOVE-SONG WHICH THEY BRING; O! HUSH THE NOISE, YE MEN OF STRIFE, AND HEAR THE ANGELS SING."



Joy, Peace, and Love to you from the Andersons