

Anderson Family Report 2009

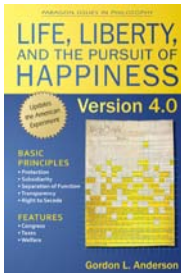
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Jaga, Tami, Jayna, Gordon, Evan, Mary Jane, and Greta in Central Park in New York City.

We want to extend to you our **Season's Greetings!** This has been a year of hardship for many Americans. We hope that you have been able to successfully meet any challenges you have faced. This year has been a year of changes for many of the Anderson Family.

Gordon lost his contract work with the *New World Encyclopedia* and UPF support for his work with the Professors World Peace Academy. He is drawing a part-time salary from Paragon House and has done some university consulting. In September his new book, *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, Version 4.0* was released. He has done some public appearances and radio interviews to help sell it. If only our political leaders would follow its advice!—our country wouldn't be in such an economic mess. Gordon continues to chair the Minnesota Legislative Evaluation Assembly (mnlea.org).



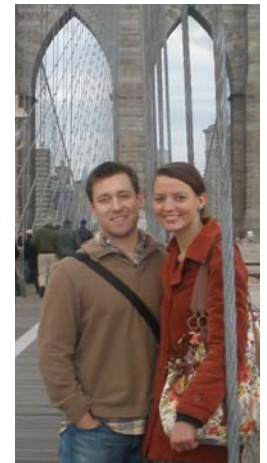
Mary Jane and Gordon

Mary Jane continues to work as the Registered Nurse for Elderhaven, an assisted living home in Forest Lake. She also started her own private duty nursing agency and worked for a few different clients. She continues to sell AVON, organize events for the White Bear Lake Women's Club, and sing in the church choir. In May she went to Barrytown, NY to attend the 30th year reunion of her seminary graduating class.



Our tree in White Bear Lake

Tami and Jaga moved from Asheville, North Carolina to Brooklyn, New York. It is hard to imagine a bigger change from the hills of the South to the big city in the North. Jaga took a job as a program director for a new church, Lovin' Life Ministries, being held in the Manhattan Center in New York City. Tami had to leave her interior design work in North Carolina, but the company she was working for has suffered during this down economy. She has picked up some various interesting jobs in New York, including helping to decorate the Macy's store in Manhattan for Christmas. They live in a loft in Brooklyn that has a beautiful view of the Manhattan skyline from the roof. Tami visited in the Summer and helped Mary Jane redesign our living room.



Jaga and Tami on the Brooklyn Bridge



Happy Holidays from our family!

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Jayna continues to both do typesetting and advertising for Paragon House and works as a waitress for Fabulous Fern's restaurant. In the Summer she took a trip with friends to St. Louis to watch the Minnesota Twins play there. In September she left her apartment in Minneapolis and moved back home to try to get better caught up on her bills. Jayna is renting Tami's car, as it would be a liability to keep it in Manhattan. In August, we celebrated her birthday in New York City, which is the only time our entire family got together this year. She hopes to have a "real job" with benefits by next Christmas or sooner!

Greta is in her third year of college and her second year in the Graphic Design program at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. She rents a room from a family in Bridgeport, has a car, and works at a Japanese Restaurant and an Italian Restaurant. During the summer, she did an internship in Manhattan and worked at a place called "Soapology" near Union Square where she sold and mixed custom scented soap. Now she is home a month for Christmas and is raising money to go to do volunteer service work in a Palestinian village in Israel for 10 days in February.

Evan graduated from high school last June. Last winter he was on the cross country ski team, and in the Spring he was on the tennis team. He received a scholarship for the University of Bridgeport's Industrial Design program, so in August Gordon, Mary Jane, and Jayna decided to take a trip in the car and bring him to Connecticut and visit New York and friends in New Jersey at the same time. Evan's dormitory and the Design building are right on Long Island Sound, a very different environment from land-locked Minnesota.

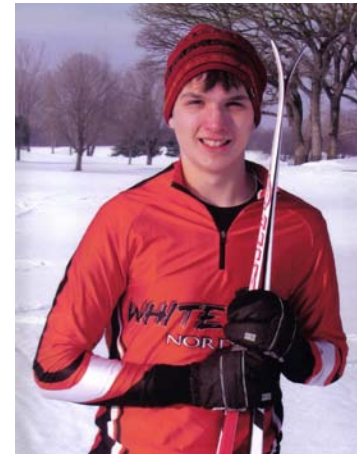
Perhaps the most difficult for us this year has been Grandpa Anderson's (Gordon's Dad's) move to the nursing home after surgery at the Veteran's Hospital. He is now 85. Grandma Anderson moved off of the family homestead and into an apartment near Grandpa. Mary Jane helped her cousins with cleaning out their mother's house to prepare for sale. Her Aunt Mary continues to thrive at 92 and now lives in an assisted living home. Thus, there are generational transitions taking place in both our families.



Greta and Jayna at Jayna's birthday party in a restaurant in New York.



Greta helping with Thanksgiving dinner at Tami and Jaga's apartment.



Evan on the White Bear Lake High School cross-country ski team.



Evan, Gordon, Jayna, and Mary Jane in Indiana on their trip taking Evan to the University of Bridgeport for college.

In this Holiday Season...

Joy, Peace, and Love to you from the Andersons