

Anderson Family Report 2006

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Our Christmas tree for 2006



Greta, Jayna, Gordon, Mary Jane, and Evan in Litchfield after cousin Danielle's Wedding

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. Gordon is still running Paragon House publishers (www.paragonhouse.com) which is in the midst of producing a new online encyclopedia called New World Encyclopedia. In April Gordon gave a talk at the Association of Private Enterprise Education annual meeting in Las Vegas. We stayed one evening at Mary Jane's friend Sandy who moved there from White Bear Lake a few years ago. She gave us a tour of the city and on the last day we visited Hoover Dam. Gordon's encyclopedia article and some photos of Hoover Dam are at http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/preview/Hoover_Dam. Gordon also serves as a Trustee of the University of Bridgeport, editor of International Journal on World Peace, a director of the Minnesota Legislative Evaluation Assembly, and Finance Director of our church. He also made a presentation at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Washington, D.C. in November.

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 has a new title of advanced unit leader in AVON giving her higher commissions.

She has also been active in several non-profit organizations. This year she served as Chairman of Partnership for Education of Children in Afghanistan (PECA) (<http://www.afghanmodelschool.org/>), she is a member of the White Bear Women's Club, regional director of Women's Federation for World Peace, and is a substitute bowler in St. Paul New Resident's Club.

We attended several weddings this summer: Mary Jane's niece Danielle in Litchfield, Gordon's nephew Brooks in Marinette, Wisconsin, and our friend Bill Weller's daughter, Alicia, at the Harrington Mansion in Minneapolis.



Mary Jane and Gordon in a botanical garden near Las Vegas in April



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Tami and Jaga Gavin

- Our oldest daughter is married to Jaga Gavin and lives in Asheville, North Carolina.
- Tami, an interior designer, took a job with an architect this summer and has a number of free-lance activities—interior design, teaching software seminars, and typesetting.
- Tami and Jaga were able to go on a cruise to the Bahamas in the Spring.
- Jaga, who has been doing carpentry, has completed one term in carpentry school with the help of his GI Bill, a benefit from having served in the Coast Guard.
- Tami came to visit for a week in August to be a bridesmaid in a wedding, and also was able to celebrate Jayna’s birthday with us.



Tami and Jaga in Charleston before their cruise

Jayna (21)

- Graduated from the U of M School of Journalism with a minor in Business.
- Worked an internship with a company marketing goods to retail stores.
- Worked at the White Bear Yacht Club and Fabulous Fern’s restaurant.
- Looking for a new job with the right company.
- Went to Los Angeles and San Diego, California with Mom and saw lots of art museums and other sights.
- Spends a lot of time with her boyfriend, Eric Jorgenson, who attended several family activities.



Jayna after the graduation ceremony at Northrup Auditorium.



Evan (16)

- Got his driver’s license.
- Went camping with friends twice near Grand Marais on Lake Superior.
- Played baseball on a White Bear Lake travelling team.
- Is playing recreational basketball this winter.
- Likes to play *World of Warcraft* on the computer.



Evan’s 10th Grade Photo

Greta (17)

- Went to the University of Minnesota for the Fall term of her senior year.
- Has been accepted to University of Minnesota School of Design.
- Was sent to Girl’s State on a scholarship from the White Bear Lake American Legion Women’s Auxillary
- Works at Macys in the junior men’s department.
- Went with Dad and Evan to Chicago to see the King Tut exhibit in the Field Museum and other Chicago sights.



Tami, Jayna, Greta, Evan (rear) Gordon and Mary Jane (front) at Terri Gavin’s house on Jayna’s birthday



“...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

