

the collegiate chronicles

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catching up

Wow, does time fly! Our last update was in May and we've got lots of great stuff to share. Here are some of the highlights.

May: I took a crew of AU students to the Student Institute of Campus Missions. It was 7 days of intense training. Shawn Galyen, the director of Georgetown Chi Alpha and I introduced our new discipleship model as a core element of the week. The sessions were amazing!

Pray for us as Shawn and I continue to develop the material for wider distribution.

June: The Godzwa family took a much needed week of rest in the woods of the Shenandoah National Forest. We were able to borrow a good friend's cabin and enjoyed the peace and quiet of the deep woods. A highlight was the neighborhood bear looking for food right outside of our bedroom window. We made sure the doors were locked at night!

July: Our summer Bible study chose Daniel as our book of choice and we hit the prophecy sections this month. It was an incredible month of

exploring these hope-filled passages. We left the study in awe of our all-powerful God.

August: We welcomed hundreds of freshmen at AU with 2 weeks full of events! We had huge numbers at everything we did and were able to form relationships with students from all different backgrounds. We also had our first Thursday Night Worship meeting with a record crowd. There were 101 in attendance!

September: We took 53 students on our fall retreat. Pete Bullette, the director of University of Virginia Chi Alpha, spoke on the glory of God and our students responded. Following the Saturday evening session I wept as I saw almost the entire group on their knees dedicating themselves for God's purposes. Incredible! For more news check our blog: www.thegodzwas.com



Fall Retreat: We had to squeeze to fit in the picture!

lost and found

The semester started on another unbelievable note. Although this was more of a negative one. At the end of August, during the clean-up of our first meeting of the year, my laptop was stolen. Needless to say I was in shock and I think I still am. I had that computer for more than 3 years and carted it around with me everywhere. It was my little digital friend (of which I have a few). As I ran around the office in a panic, I

began to realize the damage that was done. All of my summer's work vanished. All of the Bible studies I was working on were gone. All of the artwork, website and administrative material I created over the last few

months was gone. It was because of this loss, however, that I was able to experience an outpouring of love and generosity. In a week, I received a check from the Potomac District office and Capitol Life Church in Roslyn, Va. that covered the cost of a new MacBook! Thanks for helping me see that God does work all thing for the good for those who love him!



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We definitely enjoyed the more regular pace of the summer months. We used the time to get to know Levi (now 6 months old!) and adjust to life as a family of four. Levi is on a roll, literally. He's been exploring the living room with his newfound mobility. Sam is growing up! He had his first day of school September 12 @ a local co-operative playschool. He's going several days a week and is having a great time. Everyone in the family wants to thank you for all of your faithful prayer and support. Thanks for being part of our team and helping us to share the hope of Jesus with the students of American University!