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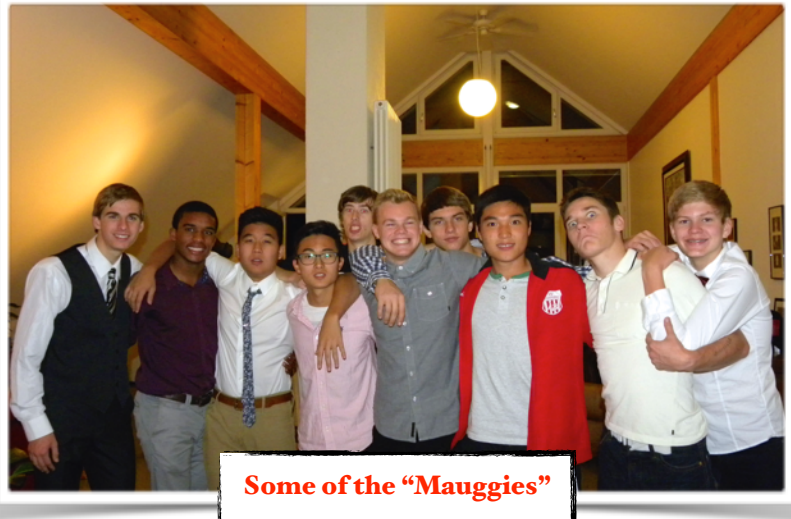
Teaching, mentoring, and engaging with missionary kids

## Christmas is Coming!

I am blessed beyond measure that the Lord has provided for me to fly home for Christmas this year! In less than a month I will be back in Michigan for three weeks with family. I hope to see many of you in the Saginaw and St. Johns areas soon! Please send me an email or Facebook message if you'd like to get together.

## First semester wrapping up

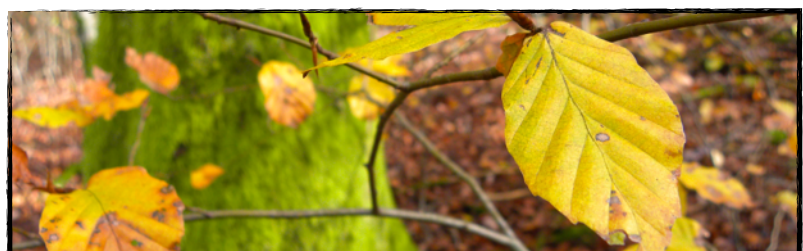
It is hard to believe but by the time I fly home for Christmas we will be nearly finished with the first half of this school year. My freshman World History class is currently deep in a discussion of early North and South American colonization. My Canadian History class is just about to start analyzing Canadian involvement in WWI. Canadian History is a one semester course so I will only have a few weeks with them after Christmas break. I have been particularly thankful in recent weeks for some extra energy and focus as I prepared for class. Thank you so much for continuing to pray for me and for my students!



Some of the "Mauggies"

## Dorm Festivities

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters I substitute in two of our boys dorms. Every other Monday I'm at Sonne and every other Thursday I am at Maug. A typical evening of subbing begins at 6pm. I arrive in time to eat dinner with the boys and their dorm parents or residents advisors. After dinner the boys have assigned chores to help clean up and then they head to common areas or to their rooms for study hours. While the boys are busy studying I stay in the kitchen and help with whatever prep work the dorm staff need. Every week is different. I might help get cold cuts ready for the boys to pack lunches or do weekend meal prep in advance. Frequently I get to make some sort of tasty treat like brownies or cookies. Those are usually my favorite things to make because, like most high schoolers, the boys get really excited about having special treats after study hours.





**Love serving with this dorm mom!**

## Please pray

I would be honored if you would be willing to pray with me about these things:

- Deeper relationships with students
- Wisdom to use my time well particularly in these last few weeks before Christmas holidays
- My computer: I am praying my 4 ½ year old Macbook Pro makes it through to Christmas break. It is having quite a few issues and needs replaced but I would prefer to replace it in the states where Apple products are much cheaper.

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## Dorm Thanksgiving!

Dorm subbing is admittedly a bit tiring as it requires an extra three hours of work in an evening after having taught all day. However, the opportunities to build deeper relationship with the guys in the dorm and with dorm staff are definitely worth it! Plus, when you are a dorm sub you get invited to special dorm events like Dorm Thanksgiving!

Dorm Thanksgiving is celebrated halfway between Canadian Thanksgiving and American Thanksgiving. Thus, last Sunday I was invited to delicious dinners at Sonne and Maug. Not only was the food fantastic, but I was also blessed by sweet fellowship with the dorm staff and students. It was very special to hear about things that our students are thankful for and to hear more about their very unique backgrounds. I was encouraged to remember that amidst the busyness of a very busy school year **they** are why I am here. I am here to pour into their lives and to be a part of their family away from family. Please pray that the Lord would continue to give me energy and love to invest in these very special third culture kids.



**The whole Sonne Dorm**