



Thanksgiving, November, 2012

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Happy Thanksgiving!

“Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean” (William Bradford, November of 1620).

Two noteworthy family events for which we give thanks:

Grace became a teacher at a charter school in Phoenix, AZ. She teaches seventh-graders English Literature, and she teaches Latin to eighth-graders. Naomi is on track to be a nurse in 2014; early-morning clinical work has started. Earlier this month she voted in her first presidential election.

Two more fun notes from 2012:

Hannah’s parents invested their summer working at Barakel. They lived in their trailer in camp’s RV Park. It was great to have their presence and their help. The Detroit Tigers won the American League pennant. Winning is fun. C’mon Cubbies, it’s been since 1945?

Two books that we came to appreciate this year:

A Gospel Primer for Christians: Learning to See the Glories of God’s Love, by Milton Vincent. Short readings for each day of the month.

The Last Enemy: Preparing to Win the Fight of Your Life, by Mike Wittmer. We are all going to die—read this book to prepare.

Two future events:

Since Grace lives in Arizona, we hope to see the Grand Canyon in 2013.

“Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal” (George Will).

May 31, 2013 is the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Camp Barakel’s founder, Uncle Johnnie. Barakel was founded in 1942, when he was 29.

With appreciation for your friendship in the journey:

“Let us do good with our goods while we live... to part with what we cannot keep, that we may get what we cannot lose.” (Thomas Adams).

Paul and Hannah

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