



Writing to you from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

September, October, & November 2010

PHOTOS IN FOCUS



A Giraffe for Halloween



On the Ferry in Seattle



Josiah "Driving" the Van



On the Coast in California



Conquering the Safety Gate

Shauen's Ordination—September 26th

Pastors have internships too. In the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), pastors usually serve a one-year internship between their last two years of seminary. To distinguish this from other internships, the Lutheran Church calls it a vicarage and refers to the intern as a vicar. Once a man has completed his three years of studies at seminary and one-year vicarage, he is eligible for ordination. Ordination is the process by which individuals are set apart, or consecrated, as clergy in the service of the church.

Because of our international assignment, our vicarage was deferred and extended to allow ample time for adjustment to culture as well as time in the work itself. From January 2009 to April 2010 Shauen served in Uganda as a vicar—"Vicar Trump" they called him.

In the spring of 2010 Shauen completed his vicarage work, graduated from the Seminary, and received a first call from the LCMS. That call is to serve as Mission Facilitator in Kenya and Tanzania. We've made much of that transition already, moving our household, going to Swahili grammar school, and

processing our new visas. The only thing we hadn't yet celebrated was Shauen's ordination.



Shauen Stands with the Pastors who Blessed Him

In September, our first Sunday back in the US, we joyfully celebrated Shauen's ordination, hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, where Shauen grew up. The Pastor of Good Shepherd, Rev. Gerken, generously planned and arranged for the

ordination service and cake reception as we were in language school and traveling in the weeks immediately before the celebration. Family, friends, and supporters all arrived to celebrate with us. Shauen was ordained by the President of the Northwest District. A Swahili choir from a local congregation shared a few familiar songs (familiar to us at least). Shauen's parents hosted a wonderful party afterwards.



Family Gifts—Stole & Cross

Shauen is now officially a pastor in the Lutheran church and can finally wear a stole when leading worship. He leaves behind the title of "Vicar" and can finally be addressed as "Pastor" or "Reverend". Praise the Lord with us for His consecration of Shauen for service in the church!

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Prayer Requests

- That Josiah will begin to sleep through the night (pray extra hard for this one, please)
- For the remainder of our home-service time: travel mercies and good health
- For the upcoming graduation of Shauen's TEE class in Uganda
- For the upcoming ordinations of five Ugandan vicars

In Praise

- For a successful end to Swahili grammar school and a safe return to the States for home-service
- For our van
- For Shauen's Ordination
- For safe travels and excellent weather thus far in our journey
- That we can celebrate holidays with family this year



Grateful for God's Abundance

The Trump Family needed a car—a reliable, safe, affordable car. As we prepared for our months of home-service we hoped to visit congregations from Port Angeles, WA to Orlando, FL. After considering several possibilities, we settled on a driving route that involved a one-way drive across the whole country.

We put together an ideal schedule and started to send notes to congregations. One after another the response was affirmative—our ideal schedule became our

actual schedule! Feeling affirmed in our great road-trip route, we were now stuck with a small issue: we needed a ride.

We sent a note to our friends and supporters in Washington State to put out the word. We had saved some money for this very situation and had enough to buy a safe and reliable car for \$2,000 to \$3,000. Or we would be happy to borrow a vehicle and use our budget to ship it back to Washington State at the end of our journey. And, since it often pays to be creative, we even indicated a willingness to be chauffeured by someone with a 40 foot RV who wanted to take a 3-month vacation and drive us across the country!

We received only one response. From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Washington—the congregation Shauen grew up in—we received an offer.

A generous family heard of our need and thought of their mother's spacious 1991 Chevrolet conversion van. Mother had been in nursing care for some time and wouldn't be driving anymore. Confident that they were acting in the spirit of her generosity and faithful life, the family gave



Krista, Josiah, & Shauen in Front of Their Van in Wisconsin

this low-mileage van to us as an outright gift! When their mother passed away just a few days after contacting us, this became a gift in loving memory of her. With help from Shauen's Mom, everything was quickly in order.

By the time our flight landed at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, the van had been re-titled in our name, we had auto insurance in place, and Josiah's new car seat (another generous gift from a congregation in Monroe, WA) was installed. Shauen's parents picked us up at the airport in the van that would carry us across the United States. Praise the Lord with us in gratitude for His abundance!

Home-Service: We're Visiting!

