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News from the Paetkau Family

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We've been travelling....

It has been tremendous reconnecting these past few months.

Boston & Maine: John & Leanne spent a ministry week on the east coast. We met with churches, a number of people who had been on short term teams over the past 10 years, and retired missionaries. It was a great trip, and a side benefit was the beautiful scenery and the great seafood!



(L) Leanne sharing with a women's group in Maine

A few observations from the family....

Home service is....

- ⇒ a lot of travelling
- ⇒ Feeling a sense of "kind of being settled" but not being settled
- ⇒ Wondering which planet you came from
- ⇒ Wondering which planet you landed in
- ⇒ Travelling can be a bit monotonous: no major potholes, cows, bicycles, villages and various other challenges to make the trip interesting
- ⇒ Everyone seems to drive slow here. Ah ha, that's why! Photo radar really works!

Drop by www.thepaetkaus.net for more stories and updates..

We're back in Canada!and its kinda different...

Alberta & Saskatchewan:

Church meetings, conferences and times with individuals have been very rewarding. In four years much has changed and yet stayed the same. We praise the Lord for the opportunities that we have to see so many of you during our time in Canada.



Leanne and her siblings

Lighthouse on Maine coast



Home Service Itinerary

Drop by our website @ www.thepaetkaus.net for an up-to-date itinerary.

December

- 4: Vauxhall, AB EFC
- 11: Taber, AB EFC
- 23 - Jan 2: Edmonton, AB

January

- 29: Etzikom EFC & Orion EFC a.m. services
- 30-Feb 6: southern MB & Thunderbay, ON

February

- 12: Brooks, AB EFC
- 17-26: Northern Alberta
- 9: Valleyview Alliance Church a.m. service

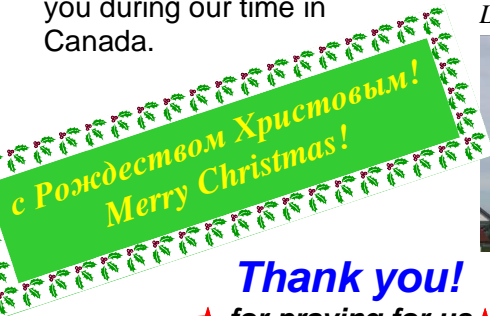
March

- 17-23: Budapest, Hungary (John is participating in youth ministry conference there)

Please drop by www.thepaetkaus.net for updated information.

Please contact us

for more information, to get together etc.



Thank you!

★ for praying for us★

★ for your financial support★

We have been in overseas ministries for 14 years. We have had a solid team of prayer partners and financial supporters the entire time. Praise the Lord!

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On the home front....

Have you ever been in a familiar place but it's all new?

- School-wise, Lanae is completing grade 12 online and Alicia & Daniel are attending the local Christian school.
- John is teaching Bible two afternoons a week at the Christian school.
- The kids are enjoying a variety of new experiences like learning how to shoot a .22, chasing cows on horseback, and running around the hoodoos in southern Alberta.



Praise & Pray with us:

Praise the Lord for safety during our travels, both on the roads and in the air.

Praise the Lord for providing a smooth transition back into life here in Canada

Pray for the variety of projects & tasks that need to be completed while we are on home service. For wisdom, scheduling and ability to complete them on time.

Pray for the kids, especially Lanae as she is writing a portion of her Gr 12 exams in January

Pray for our support needs—we do need to raise support funds towards our return to Ukraine in July, 2012

Someone asked, "how are your holidays?"

The answer to that is home service isn't a holiday, just a change in ministry focus.

For example, a farmer has seasons of planting and harvest, and time of maintenance, repairs and catch up in between. Each season is essential for the success of the operation.

Home service is like that, an essential season with a different focus. It is a very busy time, and challenging in its own way. But it definitely isn't a holiday. Ask the kids - they'll tell you what a holiday is, and trying to live in a new culture for them definitely isn't it. We are very thankful for this time to step back, reconnect, and to receive additional training.

Home Service Finance Update

We are so thankful, to God and to our financial ministry partners. We have been consistently supported over the years of overseas ministry, and it isn't something that we take for granted.

Each home service, our financial needs are re-calculated for the upcoming term. The offices take into account a number of factors, and set an amount which needs to be faith-promised for the coming term.

We have two areas which are needing funds.

Monthly Pledged Support

We need to raise \$ 620.00 new support prior to our departure for Ukraine in July, 2012.

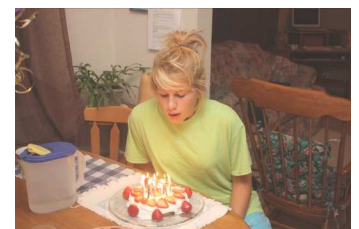
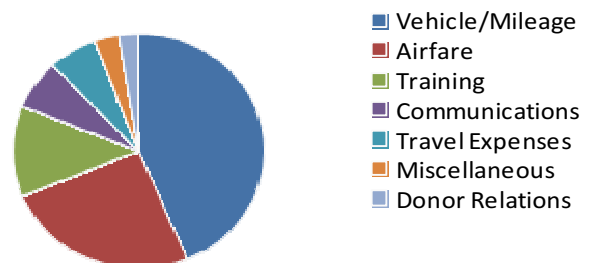
For example: 21 supporters @ \$1/day (\$30/month)

Home Service Expenses

While on home service, our ministry role is reporting to supporters and churches. This entails a lot of travel etc, as we have supporters & churches from Ontario to BC, and in the US. Please consider a donation towards our home service expense account (*put note with or on donation stating Paetkau expense account*).

Below is a breakdown of our expenses
Please contact us for more details.

Budgeted Amount	\$ 16,000
Amount Rcvd	\$ 4,466



**Happy Birthday
Leanne & Lanae**