

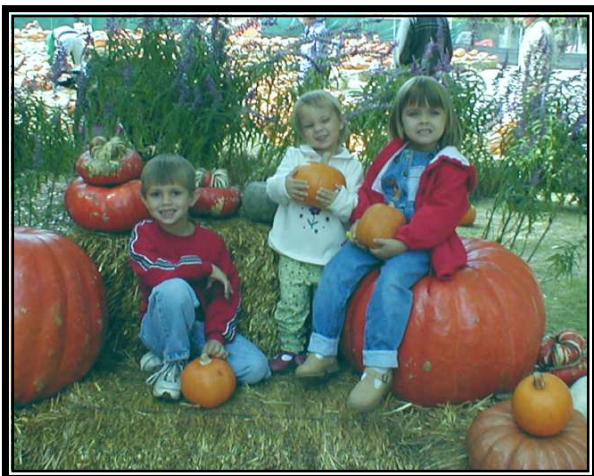
## The Coxes in Dallas – and Thankful

Three years ago if you had told us that we would be living in Dallas, and be fairly adjusted to living in Dallas, we would have said you were crazy. Furthermore, if you had told us we would be in seminary, we would have thought you were completely insane. However, God in His sovereignty has brought us to Dallas, and with His help we have become somewhat adjusted to the rhythm of Dallas. Most amazing, we are thankful for where we are, and what we are learning.

Paul is still working at UPS. Many times we have thought about attempting to do something different. However we are thankful for the great health insurance and tuition reimbursement.

We have started attending a Calvary Chapel Church just a few blocks from our house. The church is very laid back as far as dress, style of worship, etc., and yet it is solid in theology. We have developed a number of friends from church. This has been great for all members of the Cox family. Micah Joy and Miriam go to Mother's Day Out through our church twice a week. Micah Joy, Miriam and Donna love it.

In addition to the friends that we have developed from church, Donna has once again woven a magical network of friends. Some are from swim lessons, some are other seminary students, some are from Nehemiah's school, some from mother's day out and some from out of the woodwork. Nonetheless, it has been wonderful to develop community.



Nehemiah, Miriam, and Micah Joy

### Cox Top Ten Thankful List

1. New friends in Dallas
2. New church in Dallas
3. Success in Seminary (i.e. passing classes)
4. A part-time job with full-time insurance benefits
5. Miriam's successful tonsillectomy
6. Functioning in the Dallas culture
7. Donna's sister and her family moving to Dallas
8. Being close to parents (2-hour drive to Donna's and 11-hour drive to Paul's)
9. God's provision for school, home, car, health insurance, etc.
10. God's goodness in our lives

We hope and pray during this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas you will reflect on what things you have to be joyous and thankful for. Perhaps we would receive your top ten list.

Nehemiah is attending a public school kindergarten in Garland. He has had some difficulties settling in, so we have decided to have some testing done, in addition to the testing that the school is doing to see if we can help him more in the classroom. Once again, we are thankful for our good insurance.

While in Swaziland our ear, nose, and throat doctor told us that Miriam would need to have her tonsils out. Given UPS' great insurance, we decided that the time had come. In September, Miriam had her tonsils and adenoids removed and new tubes put in her ears. Her breathing has improved and she sleeps better, both of which have contributed to a much healthier little girl.



Miriam and Micah Joy

This summer Donna's sister (Joy), her husband (Roger) and their children (Brooks, Bradley, Beth, Rebecca) moved from Japan to Dallas. This was a time of great rejoicing for the Cox household, as all love Roger, Joy and kids. Not to mention Donna's parents, who went from having seven out of the nine grandkids overseas to having seven out of the nine within 100 miles.

We have teetered between pursuing a Masters of Arts in Biblical Counseling (M.A./BC) or a Masters of Theology in Pastoral Care (Th.M./PC). We have decided to pursue the Masters of Theology in Pastoral Care

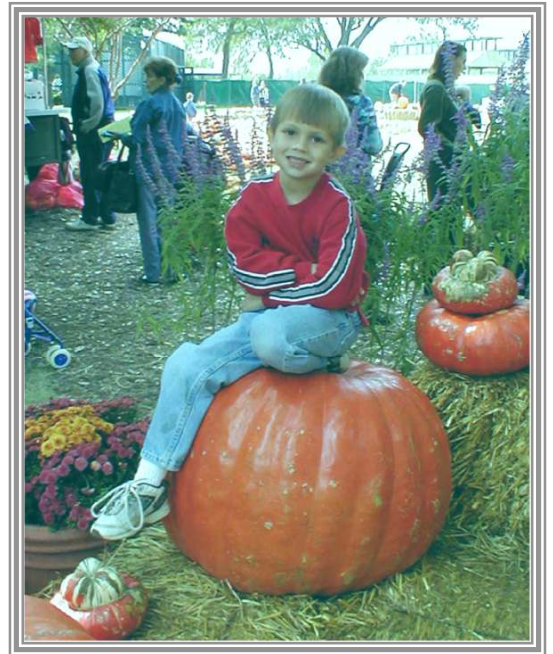
(Th.M./PC). There were a number of factors that greatly influenced this decision. The biggest factor is the Th.M./PC opens many more doors for us to return to Africa. The Th.M./PC gives us the credentials to teach at almost any theological school in Africa. In addition, it has a much broader field of study that better prepares us for future service in Africa. The disadvantage is that the Th.M./PC is a four-year degree whereas the M.A./BC is a three-year degree.

So far, we have been extremely impressed with the quality and level of training that DTS offers. It is truly one of the best seminaries in the world. The one disadvantage of being at one of the best seminaries in the world is its cost. At this point in time, we are praying about whether God's provision is to miraculously provide \$5000 or whether His provision will be a student loan.

Many thanks to those of you who pray for us and financially support us. For those who would like the opportunity to give a tax-deductible gift to us during seminary, you may do so through New Covenant Church (NCC). Checks should be made out to NCC, with no mention of our name on the check.



The check should then be placed in an envelope on which is written "for Paul and Donna Cox" and mailed to NCC. The address is: New Covenant Church; 7201 Paseo del Norte; Albuquerque, NM 87113. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.



*Nehemiah*

**Praise**

New church home  
 New friends and community in Dallas  
 Joy, Roger and kids moved to Dallas  
 Somewhat adjusted to Dallas

**Prayer**

Continue balancing family, work, school and life  
 God's provision: student loan or miraculous gift  
 Possibility of purchasing a house in Dallas