

The Coxes and the Overwhelming Semester May 2003

Overview of the Overwhelming Semester

1. We moved. (Please update your records with our new information.)
2. Donna started working.
3. Donna co-chaired a children's mission conference.
4. Between January and May Paul took 15 hours of classes.
5. We bit off more than we could chew, but God was faithful to help us.

This has been a very busy semester. When we moved to Dallas we were hoping to buy a home when God led us to a quaint rental. A year's lease gave us time to discover Dallas. We were hoping to buy a home and move over the Christmas break (we started looking before Thanksgiving) but ended up purchasing and moving during the middle of the semester. By faith, we believe that God's timing is always perfect, although we have our doubts at times. God provided a wonderful home in a great neighborhood close to the kids' school and our church. We would love to have you come visit.

In addition to a new home God laid a teaching opportunity in Donna's lap. She taught two classes through the community college. One was an Internet class on Childhood Guidance that she taught from home. The other, a class on Abuse in the Home, was financed through a grant. It allowed teachers from six daycare/Head Start facilities to earn hours toward their associates degree. It was a terrific experience for Donna. At the same time, Paul was able to reduce his hours at UPS (which is no small feat). God really worked it out so that Donna could be out a bit more and Paul could spend more time with the kids.

The other big event of the semester was the children's mission conference, which is a part of

Dallas Theological Seminary mission's conference. A year ago

Donna made the commitment to help. The commitment to help turned into a co-chairing position. Kids and missions -- what more could Donna ask for? It was four mornings of mission speakers, Bible stories, crafts, native foods and games. The number of children almost doubled from last year's conference, the largest age group being two-year-olds. The conference was held in adult classrooms transformed into kids' rooms. A great time was had by all.



Miriam, Nehemiah, & Micah Joy

Please update your records.

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Turn over for dates when Coxes will be in New Mexico

Important dates for New Mexico friends

- August 5th Donna and the kids arrive in New Mexico (Paul stays in Dallas to finish summer classes).
- August 9th Paul arrives in New Mexico.
- August 10th in the morning the Cox family attends New Covenant Church in Albuquerque.
- August 10th in the evening Paul preaches at the First Baptist Church of Belen during the evening service.
- August 11th – 16th See as many friends and family as possible in one week.
- August 17th in the morning Paul preaches at New Covenant Church.
- August 17th the Coxes pack up and leave for Dallas.



Miriam in the pretty princess outfit on her third birthday



Jonathon & Nehemiah in Texas bluebonnets (Jonathon is Nehemiah's buddy who lives down the alley.)



Micah Joy modeling the princess outfit and showing off her horse and stable

Praise

A new home
God's provision: wonderful tax return
We finished a difficult semester

Prayer

Continue balancing family, work, school and life
Our 86 Volkswagen to keep running
Our future once we finish seminary