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## Joy in the Journey



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## Warm Sunshine

*"In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise Your name forever--Selah" Psalm 44:8*

Dear Family, Friends,  
& Prayer Partners...

Right now, it's about 80 degrees, inching up into the high 80's, later today...summer has definitely begun!

Here's what's been happening with us, since the end of spring semester...



Memorial Day weekend was memorable, as we traveled back up to Wausau to visit friends and family. Mom and Dad Leitzke hosted us, and led us Saturday on a beautiful bike ride through the Weston woods (Frank had a small tire blowout, but was later rescued by Dad Leitzke, and a new tube—thank you so much, Dad!)

We capped off our weekend reuniting with our Immanuel Baptist Church family in worship Sunday morning, then tossing some "ladder ball" and volleyball with the Leitzkes later that afternoon.

The week of Donor Calling Center closing May 26th, Frank was accepted to his new position as News Assistant to Dave Mitchell, at **Moody Radio WMBI FM 90.1.**



He now goes to work the earliest he ever has—3:30am!



This leaves him some morning, and most of the afternoon to work on projects, or run errands. We also enjoy the fact that we can eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner together. Frank just has to make sure he's in bed nightly no later than 8:00, in order to make his sunrise shift at the station.

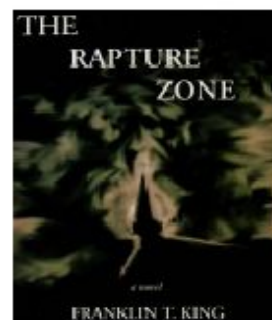
Once school begins again in the fall, we believe this shift will enable us to get ahead financially (and build our emergency fund back up), while Frank continues his studies.

The final weekend of May saw us hosting a movie night with some married friends, here at Moody, as well as visiting the **Chicago Tabernacle**, located north of Downtown.



Following lunch that same afternoon, we strapped on our helmets and backpacks, and went cycling down the Lake Michigan shore. Man, was it packed! Melissa says, *"it's almost as bad as driving on Chicago roads"*! Making a stop at the **Navy Pier**, we headed back, taking time out to stop and take in the sights of all the boats in harbor, and watch the waves slap up against the lakefront wall. It was really pretty!

In addition to archiving, Frank has returned to work on a novel he wrote more than 20 years ago, entitled **THE RAPTURE ZONE**. Those of you who are familiar with it know how passionate he is about writing. Now, he might actually get **PAID** for doing it!



During the spring semester, some representatives from Moody Press paid a visit to Frank's Mass Communications class. After class, Frank pitched his story to them; they want to see it! He is nearing the completion of his rewrite of the first chapter, which can stand alone as a short story. This he will present to Moody, in hopes they will agree to pick it up and publish it. We look forward to seeing where God might take it!

This first half of summer has seen us biking more (one trip took us from the beaches at Moody Church, all the way over to Montrose beach, some miles away!). We've also taken time, in the mornings, between breakfast and Melissa's start time at work, to do some walking.



We're also spending more time **sweatin'** it out in the gym, here on Campus, in order to get into better shape (besides, with my first physical education class starting this fall, I really NEED it).



The vendor in Wausau who **mismatched** our bed parts, eventually causing it to break, has agreed to give the correct parts to his distributor in Kenosha. We will still have to find a way to transport our broken parts for the exchange, and we are told there will be a fee charged to carry the parts to Kenosha, but at least our expenses won't be as bad as they would've been, had we been forced to carry everything back and forth from Chicago, to Wausau.

Although uneasy about future dealings with this furniture store, we are grateful that, even a year after we purchased the bed, the owners chose to make things good, as best they knew how to.



**Mark's Gospel**, a one-man, word-for-word, dramatic retelling of the second book in the NT, came alive for us, earlier this month, when the actor himself, Max McLean, blessed us by giving us tickets to his performance! Afterwards, Frank said he's further encouraged

to continue his Bible memorization, after witnessing such a spiritually-fulfilling presentation.



This capped off an unexpectedly exciting weekend, as we also were given free concert tickets to see what many consider to be two legends among Christian music artists: **Phil Keaggy**, and **Randy Stonehill**.



Speaking of talent, Melissa's talent on the painter's easel, this summer is a pleasant discovery to her husband! I already knew of her culinary creativity, but had not witnessed, until recently, her eye for *soft* line, and rich color.

She is modest, and didn't want it shown, but I have been so touched by her watercolor roses, as well as the personalized greeting card she produced. I've encouraged her to let her imagination loose even more on the canvas.

We are looking forward to spending more time, this weekend, with our fellow Moody couples, as well as with Mom and Dad Leitzke, when they come by to visit, for the Fourth. Mom and Pop Llorca have indicated their intention to visit us, if they can, perhaps before the close of summer. All hopes to cherish, and blessings to count.

Thank you all for your continued prayer, and support...and still...we're trusting.

Always In His Love,  
**Frank & Melissa Joy King**

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