

United by Grace...Led by Spirit...Together by Promise...Trusting His Purpose

## Joy in the Journey



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## Willing Servants

*"Search me, oh God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24*

Dear Family, Friends,  
& Prayer Partners...

July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend saw us in celebration with members of the Leitzke clan, as

they took Chicago by **STORM!**

(okay, maybe a bit over-exaggerated—but we **DID** have fun!)

Arriving late Thursday afternoon, Mom and Dad Leitzke packed, and we enjoyed one of Melissa's *gourmet* meals, before Frank had to turn in early for bed.



Friday morning, we were treated to a tour of the studios of **WMBI** Moody Radio by one of its producers; a fun morning. Yet, while on our walk to **Grant Park**, and the *Taste* of Chicago, we were witness to some of the devastating poverty of the inner city, as the homeless lay scattered along the walls of the **Columbus St. tunnel**. It was a sobering sight.

Later that day, we left the **Park**, walking to **Navy Pier**, where Melissa's brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Karen Leitzke, and their boys, Daniel, Jon, and Timothy met us. They were returning from their trip to the **Creation Museum**, in Kentucky, and had stopped in Chicago to catch the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks, happening that evening at Grant Park. After a brief visit with them, we headed back to Moody.

Saturday, it was **IKEA**, and lunch(meatballs and *lingonberry* sauce-*mmmm!*),

a *DRIZZLY* return to Moody, then a yummy "grill-in." Unfortunately, July 4th fireworks from the Pier that evening came unexpectedly-early, and we saw only about 10 minutes worth--bummer!



However, the Spirit gave us reason to be glad on Sunday, as at worship at Moody Church, we were treated to the talents of a youth choir and orchestra, visiting from

**First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.**

Later, we journeyed with Mom and Dad back to our beach. However, the rain the day before had fooled us into believing the water would be too cold to get in. (*Sorry*, Dad!)

After breakfast Monday, Mom and Dad were back on the road home. What a rich, and blessed time!

Speaking of blessed, led to become further involved at Moody Church, we have been blessed in attending the Moody Business Network Sunday School group. Right now, we've been studying David's trust in God as his "**rock**", as found in 2 Samuel.



While reading through **2 Samuel 21:15-22**, we engaged in great discussion regarding the apparent controversy over Elhanan and Goliath (**vs.19**), as compared to **1 Chronicles 20:5**--David's Goliath, or Goliath's brother?

We were told some have called this a scriptural contradiction, and our teacher's research has revealed three possible solutions. Both we, and our class, of course, know that God's word is inerrant, but Melissa and I wonder what your take on this might be, Dr. Engle...just curious.

*We love you, and also are praying for you, Dr. Engle, for Sue, and your family during this time. We trust God's will, according to **Romans 8:18-39**.*



Wishing to serve a fellow ministry student, this month, Frank conducted some audio production mini-seminars at our apartment with our brother, Boman DeBognet ("*Dee-Bo-Nay*"), from Nigeria.



One day, following a session, he and Boman took the opportunity, out in the hall, to listen to, and pray with Norma, an elderly woman living in our building. It turns out, she is one of the pioneers of the radio drama entitled, "**Unshackled**," produced by **Pacific Garden Mission!**



God has mightily used Melissa in hospitality and service this summer, sharing her cooking talents with many of our Moody friends. Delicious **cheesecake** desserts, Caesar salad, and *lasagna* were all on the menu for a luncheon she hosted at our apartment for her co-workers. Later, for some departing students in her department, she made some awesome breakfast **quiches**, and cheezy **smoky** links. I am so blessed to be married to such a gifted woman of God!

The final Saturday of July, we hiked **27** blocks south, from Moody, to Union Station, just 3 blocks west of

what was once the **Sears Tower** (renamed the Willis Tower, just this month). Our objective...to board a train to...



**Christmas!!!** Yep, you read that correctly--

Disney kicked off a wonderfully-elaborate "train tour" promotion. this summer, of its upcoming, computer-animated remake of the

Dickens's classic, *A Christmas Carol*, due out this November. A large portion of

Union Station was converted in Christmas style, complete with carolers, jugglers on stilts, face-painting, snow, and a specially-designed, museum-quality, walk-thru Amtrak train. A complementary activities sheet (word scrambles, word finds, etc.) was provided, and helped the 2.5 hour wait in line go much faster!

Upon finally boarding the train, we were treated to period costumes and props used in the making of the movie, concept artwork, behind-the-scenes, and models used.

Our tour was topped off with a 15-minute, 3-D sneak peak at the movie, shown from inside a special, **INFLATABLE** movie theater.



Melissa commented, "Leave it to Disney to bring Christmas excitement to summer!" Very cool...and it was all **FREE!**

As we left Union Station, and as we ventured past the Willis Tower, however, we were given a reality check, as we came upon "*Sarge*," a disabled veteran whom Frank had first met, while ministering last semester at **Pacific Garden Mission**. Injured in combat, and left without his legs, Sarge, in his wheelchair, waited on the sidewalk, for anyone who would choose to donate change to him.

We listened as he told us his disillusioning experiences, yet said he feels he was sent back from death to be there for others, less off than himself. We ministered to him, promising then to pray he would continue to trust God for healing, and wisdom.

Melissa feels so blessed in her job at the **Moody Donor Resource Center** She finds joy, training and managing the students under her. Because donations have recently been a bit low lately, she has taken the initiative to begin composing a **comprehensive training manual** for use in her section of her department!

And all this, while she continues to create *scrumptious* meals, and maintain things around our apartment--again, I am a very blessed man to have a wife with such a *servant's heart*!



August 24th is the first day of classes, and in order to get a jump on things, Frank will this week begin his reading through the entire Old Testament. His schedule, this fall, will be very **tight**, as he will try to continue his shift at Moody Radio...

Fall Semester 2009 (Currently Enrolled)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30AM	MOODY RADIO	MOODY RADIO	MOODY RADIO	MOODY RADIO	MOODY RADIO
8:00AM	CHURCH & DOCTRINES	OLD TEST SURVEY	CHURCH & DOCTRINES	OLD TEST SURVEY	CHURCH & DOCTRINES
9:00AM	COLLEGE WRITING	OLD TEST SURVEY	COLLEGE WRITING	OLD TEST SURVEY	
10:00AM		CHAPEL	CHAPEL	CHAPEL	CHAPEL
11:00AM	INTRO TO ELECT MEDIA	LIFETIME FITNESS	INTRO TO ELECT MEDIA	LIFETIME FITNESS	INTRO TO ELECT MEDIA
12:30PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30PM	LIFETIME FITNESS WORK	Frank's Project	LIFETIME FITNESS WORK	Frank's Project	LIFETIME FITNESS WORK
2:30 PM	OT WORK	COLLEGE WRIT. WORK	OT WORK	COLLEGE WRIT. WORK	OT WORK
3:00 PM	OT WORK	COLLEGE WRIT. WORK	CHURCH & DOCT. WK.	COLLEGE WRIT. WORK	OT WORK
4:00PM	CHURCH & DOCT. WK	INT TO ELECT MED WK	PCM	INT TO ELECT MED WK	CHURCH & DOCT. WK
5:00PM	WEEKLY WORKOUT	WEEKLY WORKOUT	PCM	ADDITIONAL STUDY	WEEKLY WORKOUT
6:00PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER

As you can see, from the time he enters the Moody Newsroom at 3:30am, all the way through until dinner time, he will be very busy! He will greatly cherish your prayers, as he prepares for this semester's unseen challenges.



Also, please remember Melissa, as she has been experiencing much **pain**, trying to adjust to some new medically-corrective foot inserts.

Additionally, in light of our current involvement within the **Moody Church** community, and because we wish to do our part to serve more within a local body of believers, we are praying God's wisdom as we consider joining there, officially, as members. We are understandably torn about doing so, as we have long been so blessed, and are so grateful for the love and care we've received from our IBC church family. Here, too, we would be so grateful for your prayers.

Finally, in order to make a long-desired visit to all of you down south, God must intervene for us, both in time and money. At this time, we are unsure as to our ability to make such a trip this year. We wanted to share this with all of you, in order to set realistic expectations for you, and so that you might partner in prayer with us, that perhaps God might choose to grant us the opportunity of visiting with you once more. We miss all of you **so** much!



As a side note, please be encouraged...whenever tempted to grieve over any of our temporal circumstances, we take comfort, together before the Lord, in our **true** objective here, at Moody: Frank's education, and to seek direction for ministry. This is **priority**, and we are committed to faithful stewardship, in all areas, to this end.



Yes, things are tight, as we try to build our **emergency** **\$**avings back; however, God has blessed. In fact, just last month, Frank was granted a second part-time job, working within the Education Technology Services department at Moody.

Until school begins, he will be working with them, late mornings and afternoons. God is **so** good!

Well, that's it for now...

We appreciate your prayerful partnership with us. We also do the same for you. It's just another way we can all *"keep in step with the Spirit"* (Gal. 5:25).

Still...we're trusting.

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

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