

Kolb Family Update

We have had a very hectic summer. We closed on our house in Manlius, NY on June 25, which was also the last day of school. Bret and Derek had left the day before to drive the moving van to Alaska. Their goal was to make it to Alaska in 7 days, which meant no time for sight-seeing. It was an aggressive plan which required over 525 miles per day. We are thankful to report that they had only one minor mechanical problem which turned out to be a faulty warning light that was fixed in under an hour. Other than that, they made it one day ahead of schedule. Although they don't want to repeat the trip, they had a good time of bonding.

Meschelle, Brittany and Hunter left after school on June 25 and traveled to Ohio and Indiana to visit Meschelle's Aunt and parents. Theirs was a vacation as they got to visit a water park, a zoo, watch lots of fireworks, and generally have fun. Bret and Derek flew to Indiana on July 7. We all left as a family Friday morning, July 9, for the trip to our new home in Alaska. This trip was the scenic one. We got to visit Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Lake Louise.



We got to see many wild animals that we had rarely seen out of a zoo before: buffalo, bear, mountain goats, doll sheep, and many more – but don't ask Meschelle about the burro 😊.



We spent around a week visiting parks, but by the time we reached the AlCan (Alaskan – Canadian Highway) we were ready to be out of the car. We spent an interesting night in the Hotel Toyota (our van), and finally reached Alaska on July 19.

It has been a whirlwind since we arrived – unpacking boxes, arranging furniture, becoming official Alaskans (we have Alaskan license plates) and even going into Anchorage once. Bret is starting to feel acclimated to his new work at the camp. He is taking over the positions of Financial Director and Human Resources Director. Needless to say, he will be busy. Derek, Brittany and Hunter start school on August 19, which will be a new experience. Their school only has app. 40 students – total for grades K-12! Meschelle is very busy organizing life right now but she is searching and praying to see where God wants to use her also.

Please continue to pray for us and we continue to adjust to living in a very remote place. We are confident that God has brought us here and we are seeking Him on a daily basis to serve Him more. Please also pray for our financial support as we are currently around 50% supported. We trust God and know that He will provide for our needs.