



## Govier Christmas 2006

Dear friends,

Getting the entire family together is a big event, once they've left the nest. But we managed to accomplish the feat for one brief moment last summer. It occurred in the studio of a neighbor who is a portrait photographer so we have a fresh record of our current family status.

Brian had the longest commute, he's still teaching in Japan. Drew and Candess have settled here in Madison, at least for now. Drew is finishing up a class in computer technology and is in the market for a career change. Sara and Ryan just moved from house sitting to a new apartment in the Twin Cities. Ryan is on staff at a church and Sara is an administrative assistant at the Treehouse, a youth ministry. Sam is now in the seventh grade and has recently joined a bowling league.

Anne has had a busy year, with daycare duties spiced up by the reconstruction of the street in front of our house. We endured the same dusty/muddy experience ten years ago at our old home. We didn't expect to be facing it again so soon, after moving, but sometimes that's the way it goes. The project finished up in November, just about the time our next door neighbors started remodeling their home. So construction season continues.

I'm rushing to get our Christmas card in the mail because right after Christmas I'll be traveling to St. Louis for InterVarsity's triennial Urbana Student Missions Convention. This will be my 8<sup>th</sup> Urbana, but my first as an InterVarsity employee. Always before I was part of a radio news team covering Urbana. I'd always wondered what it was like being on the inside during an Urbana year. Now I know. It's exciting, and busy. It was extra-busy for me because I was also taking a Strategic Communication class at the University of Wisconsin. But that's done now, and Urbana's right around the corner. We're expecting 20,000 attendees who are passionate in pursuit of discovering God's will for their lives. I'll be working in the press room, dealing with the news media. You can experience Urbana from where you live by going to [www.urbana.org](http://www.urbana.org).

The Christmas season always reminds us of how much we love and appreciate family and friends. We hope that 2006 has been a blessed year for you and your loved ones.