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In January we spent three weeks in Monterey where Anna took a Spanish language class at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS). We also visited family in the Bay Area.



Buenos Aires

In February and early March we took a trip to South America. We've wanted to see that part of the world for a long time, and we're glad we finally got to do it. We started in Chile in the Atacama Desert and Santiago. Then we boarded our ship, the Rotterdam, in Valparaiso and cruised down the coast of Chile through the fjords and glaciers. We stopped at Puerto Montt, Punta Arenas, and then Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego. After that we went around Cape Horn (on a day of fair weather!) and then stopped in the Falkland Islands where we saw remnants of the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina. After the Falklands we headed up the eastern coast of South America to Buenos Aires, Montevideo, and finally Rio de Janeiro. After leaving the ship in Rio. we stopped at Iguazu Falls (between Brazil and Argentina) and then returned to Colorado. We were gone for three weeks, and it was a great trip!



Visit from Miranda and Matthew

In the summer we did some hiking and camping in Rocky Mountain National Park and played host to our grandchildren Matthew and Miranda in Lyons for 10 days. In August we visited our other grandchildren (and their parents) in Minnesota. We finished up our travels with hiking and photography trips to Idaho and South Dakota.



Fall leaf

In October we landed a new contract to create teaching materials for a course on computer programming for high school students. This is proving to be challenging work and will keep us busy for many months – well into next spring. The company we’re working for is north of San Francisco.

The rest of our family is also busy leading their own lives. We visit our grandchildren and their parents when we can, and the visits are always fun.

We’re enjoying Colorado but have found it difficult to get local or remote consulting work, so don’t be too surprised if we move again in the next year (what else is new?).



Helena's first birthday



Archer (taken by Mike)

If all goes well we hope to repeat our 2008 Monterey experience this coming January after a Christmas visit with the Livengoods, who are also hosting the Blomquists. This coming week we'll be staying with Matthew and Miranda while their parents do their semi-annual pre-Thanksgiving feast with their friends at Lake Tahoe.

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