

Christmas Greetings and Pecinovsky Newsletter 2019

Our year in review: On their 10th anniversary excursion to an underground cavern in Sri Lanka, Carl and Jana found 2 gold doubloons while scuba diving that dated from 2700 B.C. Sorry, had to include at least a small piece of fake news to get your attention! Besides, it's partly true 😊 Now that's out of the way, on to some highlights of 2019:

- **January** - Carl and Jana celebrate their 10th anniversary in Myrtle Beach while attending the American Beekeeping Federation's conference and tradeshow. The beach is a bit chilly, but we compensate with an indoor aquarium and other activities.
- **February** – Evan turns 9, and deep snow adventures – clearing, playing, and



Evan's Minecraft Pizza!

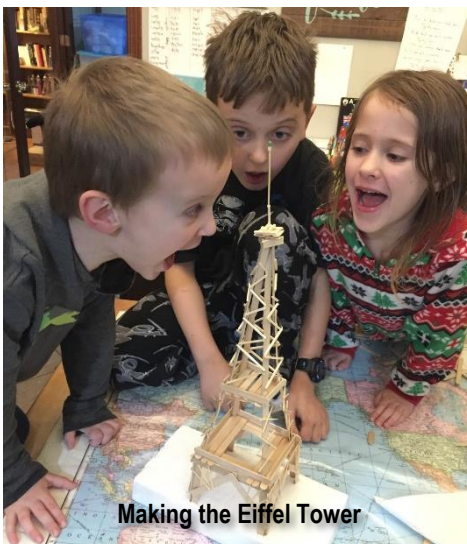


Homeschool India day



In Duluth

- getting Jana home from a Florida business retreat.
- **March** – Four birthdays! We enjoy celebrations with family and friends.
- **April** – Our first time helping Spearys make maple syrup and boiling some of our own down too.



Making the Eiffel Tower

- **May** – New garden shed arrives, garden planting commences fast and furious, and Jana leaves on a 10-day heritage trip with her mom to **Finland**. They enjoy making new family acquaintances, touring old homesteads, and sipping fruity beverages in saunas.
- **June** – We are blessed with an extended visit of Bayaraa and her son Isaac from **Mongolia**. Bayaraa stayed with us in 2011 as an interpreter for Samaritan's Purse "Children's Heart Project" and became a dear friend. Had fun with

them at a waterpark, Whitewater state park, and inspecting beehives in Iowa.

- **July** – Niece Tess comes for a few days (yay!!), a Mike family reunion up at Lake Ida (Jana's mom), and close to 300 Monarchs are raised and released.
- **August** – The Cases (family friends from Texas) come to visit and we camp at



Tess visits in July

Whitewater. We celebrate Papa Dave's 70th, and we join with more friends and family to spin out the honey harvest at Carl's folks in Iowa – in the recently finished honey room!



The Vikings – for Papa Dave's 70th!

- **Sept** – homeschool begins! The children are in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade. We continue harvesting from our garden with our fabulous gardening partners, the Satterbloms; we give a talk at the Rochester Garden & Flower club; Jana cans up a storm to feed us all this winter.



Sarah & Jana with garden produce

- **Oct** – We celebrate Rosh Hoshana as part of our homeschool curriculum, reconnect with Fanny & Martha Nyamutora visiting from **Zimbabwe**, and Carl leaves for Lyon, **France** on a work trip. It's an incredible city!



With Fanny & Martha Nyamutora

- **Nov** – We visit Oliver in Duluth for his 25th birthday, celebrate Thanksgiving together back in Rochester, and visit "Maplewood Manor" that a Zajicek cousin renovated in Osage, IA.
- **Dec** – the winter brings snow and cold, but our hearts are warmed by Christ's love and faithfulness. **Merry Christmas!**

KIDS



Learning and performing history of ancient Egypt

Oliver – twenty-five! Struggled this year with addiction and other things. Spent over 5 months in the Duluth area, but is now back in Rochester.

Evan – Nine years old! He enjoys drawing, collecting Pokémon, and Minecraft. He and Sadie had piano recitals in May and July. He and Mom got braces together in December!



Taekwondo Tournament

Sadie – Seven years old! She is blossoming with creativity and "fun". She enjoys crafty things and singing in the church's kid's choir. Along with Evan and Aidan, she earned a white belt in Taekwondo last month.

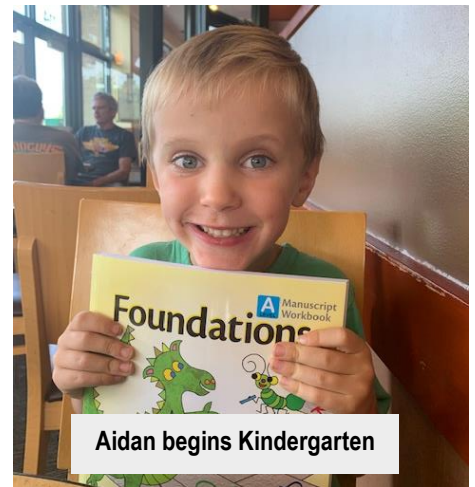


Diana & Jana in Finland

Aidan – Five years old! Landed in the hospital with Kawasaki Disease early in the year, but bounced back in spades! He is full of energy and "dives" into life with



Releasing Monarch's with Rayna



Aidan begins Kindergarten

wide-eyed enthusiasm. He started Kindergarten this year.



Visiting Oliver for 25th B-day



Aidan's mock marriage to Kyrle



Bee education & selling honey

May the Spirit of Christ dwell with you richly this season!