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Thus Concludes the Craziest Holiday Season Ever

We have had an interesting, if not instructive, first married holiday season. We traveled to a total of 7 destinations and saw hundreds of people we only get to see every now and then. It was a great time for us to learn new traditions as we spent our first Christmas together with our new families. There were many things that were similar, but there were some that were definitely new. I (Paul) particularly enjoyed the extended Brockett family slumber party and would like to thank all that were involved and made it such a fun and memorable occasion. And I (Trina) was even lucky enough to be the special guest of Mr. Ed Litwin himself at the Litwin & Associates Christmas party.

On the ministry side of things we found that two of the destinations took us to two conferences, one in San Diego and one in San Antonio. Don't be fooled by their similar Spanish names, they are very far apart. San Diego is where our annual Winter Conference is located. This year I (Paul) was in charge of the bookstore and Trina was in charge of finances as usual. That kept us busy, but we still got to be a part of the awesome things God did in the lives of students. The coolest part was that one of the girls from USC gave her life to Christ there and was baptized in the hotel fountain (we are no longer allowed to do that). She had a difficult semester and winter conference was just what she needed to hear. God works in amazing ways.

The second conference was actually for us, as we will be leading one of the five summer projects to Tokyo, Japan this summer (its a huge city, they can handle five). We spent several days being trained as leaders and planning for our summer. We also got to hang out with staff friends from all over the country who will be leading projects all over the world this summer. An added bonus was that we went a couple of days early and got to hang out in Austin with some of Trina's friends there. I find I enjoy myself in Austin, but I confess that driving there, and having no idea where to go, left me a bit irritable (sorry Trina).

In all the craziness we felt incredibly blessed that we are now a part of two families that acknowledge the true reason for Christmas and want to make sure its known that Jesus' birth is central to everything we do this time of year. It's a celebration of God's intervention in history to restore our relationship with Him through the death of Christ. I hope your celebrations went as well as ours did, but that maybe you got a little more rest at home.

So now its back to campus life, planning for summer project, and catching up on all the life stuff we missed while being away from home for several weeks. It's good to be back.



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