

The Thorn Family

Colorado Summer

AUGUST 2011

CLASSES

Four Seminary Classes in 4 Weeks!



The Tower of Babel

By God's grace Kerri and I made all A's and B's - whew!

For two of those classes, I studied the text of Genesis 11:1-9, about the Tower of Babel. In Biblical Interpretation, I learned how to study the text and use commentaries appropriately, which culminated in an 11-page exegetical paper. For Biblical Communication, I translated my study into a 20-minute message for a mixed-faith audience, which I then delivered.

My biggest 'a-ha' moment came at the beginning of v.5: "But God came down..." This time it was in judgement and mercy, but foreshadowing one day when He would come down and receive judgment Himself on our behalf. It's such a privilege to know and serve the God Who Comes Down!

FAMILY



We really enjoyed our family time in Colorado this summer! The girls did great at Kids' Camp - the first full-time childcare for either of them. We took full advantage of the surroundings, with trips to the Garden of the Gods, the Poudre River, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

*We are so thankful for you,
and your choice to invest in
students hearing and being
changed by the good news of
Jesus! God Bless,*

Jonathan and Kerri

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The U.S. Staff gathers every other year to connect, hear from national leadership and others, and most importantly hear from the Lord. Our worship times were incredible, as were the messages we heard from Francis Chan, Rene Rochester, and many others who spoke about what God is doing in the U.S. and around the world.



Two events were especially significant: our 60th Anniversary as a ministry, and the

official announcement that in the U.S., Campus Crusade will become Cru in 2012. There was some negative media attention which characterized the move as a sign we've gone soft on our mission to share Jesus - it's actually just the opposite! I'm excited about the change because it better positions us to tell others about Christ. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns; I'll be posting some helpful links/explanations on our blog:

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