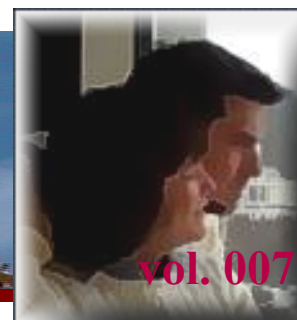


United by Grace...Led by Spirit...Together by Promise...Trusting His Purpose

## Joy in the Journey

Sharing Chronicles of Growth and Ministry with Frank and Melissa Joy King  
October 23, 2009



## Word Searching

"The **secret** things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us,  
and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law" Deuteronomy 29:29

Dear Family, Friends,  
& Prayer Partners...

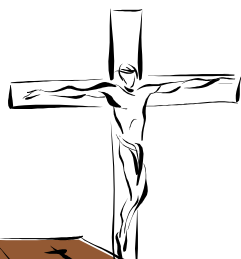
Perhaps you thought we were keeping "**secret things**" from all of you, with all the time that's passed since our last issue! Well, this is certainly NOT the case, and we apologize for such a long delay...



Quite frankly, it hasn't seemed like such a **L O N G** delay for us, as this fall has overtaken us quicker than a "tornado in a trailer park"!

First, we were so surprised, in August, the weekend of Frank's birthday, to receive an unexpected visit from Mom and Pop Llorca! Among other exciting times of laughter and catching up, we enjoyed yummy visits to both the **Bucca Di Beppo** (great veal parmesean), and **Capi's** stone cooked pizza, on Navy Pier (the tiramisu there rocks!).

The Kings got their first experience navigating and negotiating a couple of trips in taxis, courtesy of Pop Llorca,



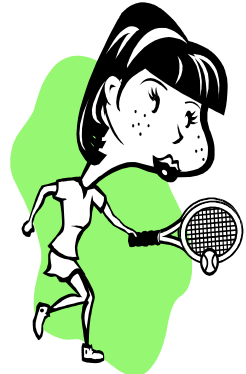
...and we all enjoyed a meaningfully-engaging discussion on spirituality, and the importance of Christ in our lives.

It was such a blessing to have you both here in Chicago with us, if only for a few days!

Summer was fast coming to a close, and we could see the signs, as “old” friends and teachers began popping up here and there around Campus.

As school got back into full swing, Frank participated in a “**boot camp**” for employees of the **Education Technology Services** department, his second, on-campus part-time job. With his tight schedule, he is only able to work a couple of hours each Saturday, but they've told him, regardless, they appreciate having someone on staff with his electronic expertise. We feel it's wise, with this floundering economy, for him to keep his foot in two doors, just in case one should fold (Moody Radio, ETS). So far, so good.

We've both become much more health/fitness conscious, since the semester began. Melissa works out weekly with some other wives from our home here in Jenkins Hall, and before it started getting chilly, would occasionally play tennis, too.



That's my **PHYS-ED** = major woman!!! I'm so proud of her!

While attending a special Sunday morning service at Moody Church, led both by Moody pastors and leaders from the **Slavic Gospel Association** (bringing the gospel to lessor-reached regions of Russia and the Ukraine), we thought of our Moody friends, Serge and Julie Makhovitskiy. Both have Ukrainian roots, and right now, are facing some housing concerns, while attending Moody. We ask you to please remember them when you pray.

The latter half of the summer, Melissa accepted a leadership position with the Moody **Student Wives Fellowship**, and now maintains the Group's blog site, which she just recently renovated. She also enjoyed manning a table during their open house, greeting and informing new wives of this great ministry.

In September, both of us assisted with a concert outreach at Moody Church, and Melissa took part in preparations for the Moody Church cheering section, a ministry to the **Chicago Marathon**, run each year down LaSalle Blvd.



Frank's classes, as we anticipated, have been both fun and challenging. Most challenging, though, has been his juggling of early-morning hours at Moody Radio, morning classes, homework, papers, quizzes, exams, weekly workouts (as part of his fitness class), food, and sleep (not to mention the most important of all—**CUDDLE TIME!**).

However, God is so good, and in His strength alone, things are rolling along well.

We've even had a few nice walks along the lakefront, and one or two down Michigan Avenue (to watch all the rich people “stimulate” the economy).

One of our favorite walks was one we took shortly after classes began, early one Saturday morning, watching a beautiful sunrise upon the water at the Navy Pier.



Frank is stretching himself more, this semester, as he ministers with a new team to the men of **Pacific Garden Mission**. Pray for three men: David, Andre, and Dennis.

**David**, a man in his late forties, nearly broke down, as he described how a job he loved for many years was suddenly no more. **Andre** is a man who has overcome to a new career. **Dennis**,

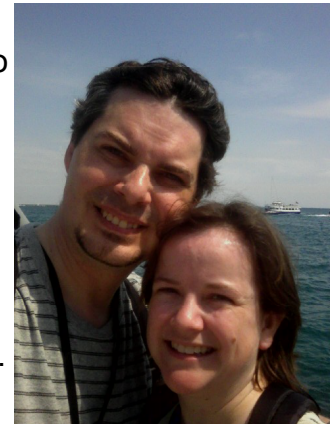


**Dennis**, who hasn't returned to the Mission for a few weeks, said he was really searching for truth about the gospel (so much so that he even took the initiative, he said, to get a library card, in order to read more).

Pray especially for Dennis, that God's truth, which demands faith FIRST, will either draw him back, or to another witness, to bring understanding and God's peace to him through trust in the sin-satisfying death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Well, like the Babbie Mason song, there's “so much more to come,” so we'll wrap this one up right here.

We ask that you please pray for us, as we aren't sure how God will provide us the funding we will need for next semester. We may find ourselves coming up short on paying off our fall bill, and we really don't want to place ourselves in debt. We truly covet your prayers for us. It's always a joy to hear and connect with you, as well. Like Pastor Dan, please drop us a line sometime, either by phone or email.



And be sure to check out our website from time to time. We are continuing to add and improve it, offering you new and exciting ways to share in our experience of growth together! Still...we're trusting. God bless you all!

*Always In His Love,*

*Frank & Melissa Joy*

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