HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2010...

Our year began with preparations and the birth of Amira Ellen Campen, family member number five. She was born in March and has been a blessing to us all. Jacob and Hannah are great with her (can you say baby-sitters? ©).



In April, we were very relieved that we were able to sell our Richfield house. We moved into our new home last December, so it had been on the market for 6 months.

In June, while Jacob was in Oregon on



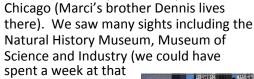
tour with the Minnesota Boychoir, the rest of us joined the Falk family (Marci's mom's side of the family) for a week

of enjoyment in the Black Hills. We had a great time seeing the sights and spending time with the extended family.

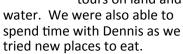




In August, we took our first trip as a family of 5 to



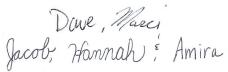
museum alone), and taking numerous tours on land and





Jacob and Hannah started the school year at new schools. Since we moved mid-year, we decided not to change schools until the start of the 2010-11 school year. They have adjusted well and have made new friends. We all continue to be blessed by the grace of God and we are truly thankful for our wonderful family and friends for their support and friendship.

We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year!!!





















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Christmas 2010 and then there were five...

Just when you may have thought things would be settling down, 2010 has been another whirlwind of events. Where should we begin? A new baby? Selling our house in Richfield? Jacob and Hannah starting new schools? See inside for more details. We hope you like the new format...we felt it was time for a new look with all of the changes in our lives!



Jacob's Jottings

Hello! I am 12 years old and currently attending Rosemount Middle School. I am in 7th grade. I did a lot of cool things this summer. I played baseball (our

team did really well), but had to miss some of the last half of the season because I went to Oregon with the Minnesota Boychoir. We went to



Portland and Eugene Oregon. In Eugene at the University of Oregon, I participated in PICC fest (Pacific International Children's Choir Festival) and the Oregon Bach Festival. I also went to Covenant Pines Bible Camp for summer

camp. As a family, Mom, Dad, Amira, Hannah and I went to Chicago to visit Uncle Dennis and see the sights like the John Hancock tower (my personal favorite). This year I also met some new friends that live in the neighborhood and at my school. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Marcí's Musings

For the first few months of this year I continued my job as a business Analyst at Infinite Campus. Since March, when Amira was born, I have been blessed to stay at home with our kids. I am thankful that I have this time at home to see all of Amira's "firsts" and be available for Jacob & Hannah as they leave and return from school. This year I have enjoyed getting involved with a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group. This has led to some deepened friendships, new friendships, and many play dates for Amira and me. I continue to be blessed by such a wonderful and supportive family and group of friends. I am so thankful for all of you and look forward to another year of God's blessings on us all.



Hannah's Happenings

Hi everyone! How has your year been so far? Mine has been great. In the summer I played softball and went to South Dakota with my parents, Amira, my

grandparents and friend Sammie. We went there for a family reunion. Also, my whole family went to Chicago, Illinois. It was so fun!

We staved at Embassy Suites. We visited the John Hancock building. We could see Lake Michigan and the beach. I started at Red Pine elementary school in the 4th grade and I am 9 years old. I am singing in Prime Voce (pronounced Pre-



mah vo-chay) in the Allegro Choral Academy, we rehearse on Thursday evenings. In school for Christmas shows, the 4th grade is doing "Snow Biz". I am excited for the Holidays! Bye!















Amira's Anecdotes



To say a lot has happened in my life this year is quite an understatement. As I write this, I am almost 9 months old. I was born March 4, 2010 at 12:56 am. At that time I weighed 6 lbs 8 oz

and was 20 1/2 inches long. Last time I checked, I weighed 18 lbs 1 oz and was 27 inches long. I've grown a lot! Some things I like to do are crawl, pull myself up around furniture, give "high fives", wave, and babble. I haven't quite figured out how to make sounds that are words people understand; but, I'm sure my family will understand soon! I also love Cheerios and knocking down towers that people build for me. I'm looking forward to my first Christmas and all the paper I can rip and try to eat.











Dave's Declarations

I have been working at TIES for 6 years now, still as a consultant in our Data Services Department. My job continues to stretch me as we continue to work on innovative tools to help educators. I am in my second year as the Director of Music at Bloomington Covenant Church. I am blessed with a wonderful staff at Bloomington Covenant as I work with the choir, worship team and other musicians. I am very blessed to have a wonderful wife that supports me as our love grows stronger every day.