



Venice

Louvre



British Columbia

Good Bye 20s!



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Candace & Stefan visit

Nov 2010

Hello to all our friends and family! Once again, it's Christmas time and time to reflect on the past year. (I want to know who keeps speeding up the clock all the time!!) 2010 has been an amazing year! We have been blessed beyond belief in so many ways! I am always so amazed at how God works in our lives...

Victor continues to love his job as pastor of deeper life. It is such a blessing to see him being used by God in so many peoples' lives. At the end of the 2009 summer, our goal was to keep summer lasting all year long. Victor has kept up his end of the deal, playing beach volleyball as his schedule allows. Also, since our Europe trip, Victor has embraced a love of cooking! He has cooked so many AMAZING meals this year. It is great to see his eyes light up as he is talking about the meal he is dreaming up. I truly am blessed by this new found love! YUM!



Overlooking the Forum Rome



Oops! Victor in Pisa

Gondola w/Stachurskis



St. Peter's Basilica

Snowin' Tahoe

Eiffel tower



C a n a d a

Rome

Florence



WESTMINSTER

London

Notre Dame Paris

O Sole Mio!



Venice @ night

Free Opera @ The Spanish Steps

Mako "no more"

This year, I said goodbye to the 20s and entered the decade of the 30s! YIKES! I was hired back to work at MUSD for a second year as the Technology Trainer. In addition to this awesome job, opportunities have opened up for me in the county office doing trainings a few times a month on the Promethean boards used in the classroom. I continue to tutor, as well as work in the children's ministry at our church. Saturdays, I enjoy going for runs on the beach while Victor plays volleyball. These activities keep me fairly busy most of the time. On a sad note, we mourn the loss of a family memory! One of our favorite LA restaurants, Mako, has closed. This was one of our first date places and a location of many fun events in our 10 years together! We'll miss your yummy California rolls and wonderful tempura! We wish you and your family a Christmas season full of God's love and memories to cherish in the year to come!

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Sicily, Italy :: Spent Christmas in southern Italy with the Stachurski family for Hunter's first Christmas and their last in Italy.

Rome, Italy :: How overwhelming it was to see the sights of the ancient Roma, two and a half THOUSAND YEARS of history! The Coliseum, The Forum, The Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon...breath-taking! From here, we took a train ride to Florence. What a great way to see the sights of Italy! Victor's favorite moment :: being an hour early to attend a FREE opera concert on the Spanish steps! So phenomenal!

Florence, Italy :: Our favorite city! We spent New Year's Eve watching fireworks GALORE!!! It was a party! Michelangelo's DAVID, the Renaissance, the FOOD!!, the architecture, the wine! Va bene!

Venice, Italy :: Very cool city to enjoy! Gondola ride was the best part of visiting this city!

Pisa, Italy :: A quick, day trip to Pisa to see the leaning tower. Do you know why it's leaning? We do now!



Paris, France ::

We travelled to Paris, France, after traversing Italy for a few weeks. What a magical city! Champs-Élysées shopping, the Eiffel tower, French Onion soup, Notre Dame, Au Bougnat (the BEST restaurant in Paris...yummy soups and delicious meals!!), the Louvre (Mona Lisa was one of my highlights!!), Arc du Triomphe, and Victor surprised me for my actual birthday by a day-trip to DISNEYLAND PARIS!!

London, England ::

To end our fabulous European vacation, we had a lay-over in London, England, and spent the night quite literally running all over the city. We hit all the big ones...Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Oxo, Shakespeare's Globe Theater, the Thames river, London Bridge, Trafalgar Square, and of course Abbey Road. We also took a moment to enjoy some Bangers and Mash! Our time there was just long enough to make us realize that London will be on our list for future trips!

Vancouver, British Columbia ::

In October, we went up to Seattle to visit with the Anayas and travelled with them up to Whistler and Vancouver, BC. It was great to travel up and see the home of the winter Olympics. We also took a bit to visit with Victor's friend from high school, Brooke, who he hasn't seen in 15 years!

Ojai, CA ::

We celebrated 7 (glorious, Victor adds) year of marriage in the place we were married, Ojai. We spent a free night at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. What an amazing, relaxing time for the two of us to connect!!

Tahoe, CA/NV ::

Most recently, we took the long week of furlough days at Thanksgiving to catch some snow in Tahoe. On our way up, we stopped in Stockton to visit with the Bryans, and then we were on our way up to experience a winter wonderland as a storm followed us right in to the resort. We were blessed to find a KILLER deal for snowboarding Heavenly, AND we got to spend Thanksgiving with my uncle, aunt, and cousins that I haven't seen in so long!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,
Victor and Tamira