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SEPTEMBER 2012

The photos above and below are sent to us by Stretch and Debbie Fischer as the 8 members of the Mages Family enjoyed their annual cycle trip. This year Curt was the planner and chose Duluth, Minnesota as their destination. The photos are beautiful.

This issue is out earlier than usual as 9 members of the Mages family will venture to Europe for two weeks. We are so excited to meet our Mages cousins in Germany. Helmut, Briget and boys here we come!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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September Birthdays

Gabbrelle Bemmels	Sept 01
Amy Plath	Sept 01
Maggie Mages	Sept 02
Barb Plath	Sept 05
Betty Jass	Sept 05
Kate Mages	Sept 06
Samantha Nelson	Sept 06
Todd Andersen	Sept 07
Sharon Mages	Sept 10
Shane Wilson	Sept 11
Ken Mages	Sept 13
Melanie Miller	Sept 16
Jacob Fischer	Sept 16
Evelyn Mages	Sept 20
Randy Wagner	Sept 22
Connie Goblirsch	Sept 23
Kathy Mages	Sept 26

September Anniversaries

Duane and Jermayne Mages
Sept. 27 38 years

Jeff and LeAnn Mages
Sept. 07 27 years

Doug and Connie Goblirsch
Sept. 28 21 years

Matt and Sarah Mages
Sept. 02 12 years

Eric and Amy Plath
Sept. 20 09 years

Joe and Imia Mages
Sept. 17 01 years

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Coming Events

August 2012- Baby due for Alan and Julia

August 23, 2012- September 06,2012- Trip to Germany.

September 22- 2012- Annual Kodet Sister's Day Morton Senior Center, 9 a.m. Breakfast

October 06-07, 2012- Sister's Weekend- Debbie Fischer's in Sleepy Eye

November 02 and 03,2012- Sister's Shopping in Mankato . Overnight Friday at Lindas.

November 24,2012- Mages Christmas Party. Sleepy Eye, Mn. St. Mary's Church Social Room -12 noon

July 13,2013-Wedding of Amanda and John

Sister's Shopping 2012

Friday November 02,2012 and Saturday November 03, 2012 will be the annual Sister's shopping in Mankato, Minnesota.

Guest may arrive for the evening on Friday at Linda's house, and may stay overnight. We will have an evening meal here when all arrive. Please R.S.V.P. To Linda if you would like to stay overnight.

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Thanks Linda

New E-Mail

Michelle Mages

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Mage's Family Annual Cycle Trip - July 2012



Left to right: Betty, Curt, Stretch, Debbie, Dan, Rick, Nancy and Larry



Rick and Curt on the ledge



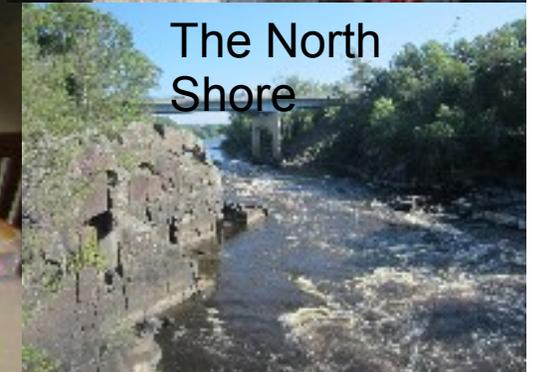
Lto r: Larry, Dawn, Betty, ?, Debbie, Curt, Rick, Dan and Nancy



To the right: Rick, Debbie and Nancy making lunch

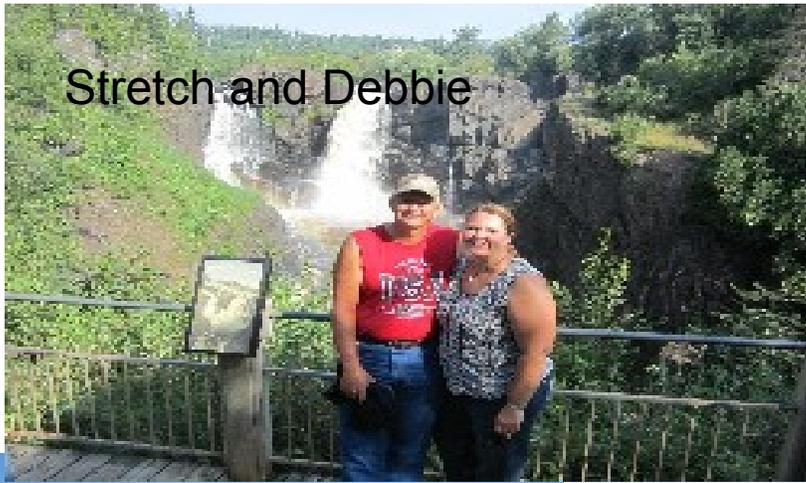


Meeting at Curt and Kathys. L-r, Betty, Curt, Rick, Dan, Stretch, Debbie, Larry, Kathy, and Nancy in the middle.



The North Shore

Stretch and Debbie



*Mage's Cycle Trip
Continued*

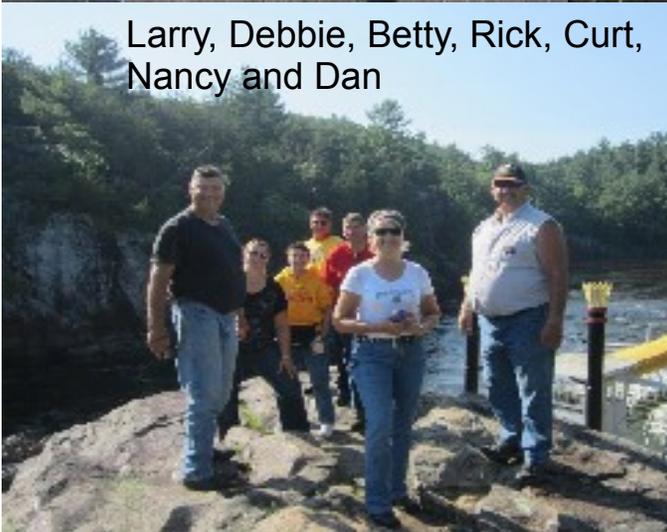
The Whole Gang



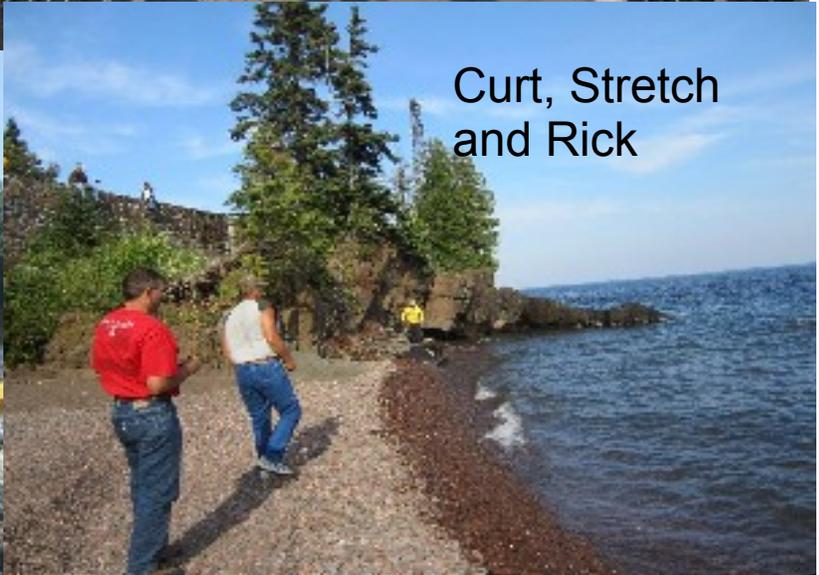
Off they go!!!!!!!!!!!!



Larry, Debbie, Betty, Rick, Curt, Nancy and Dan



Curt, Stretch and Rick



Larry and Curt



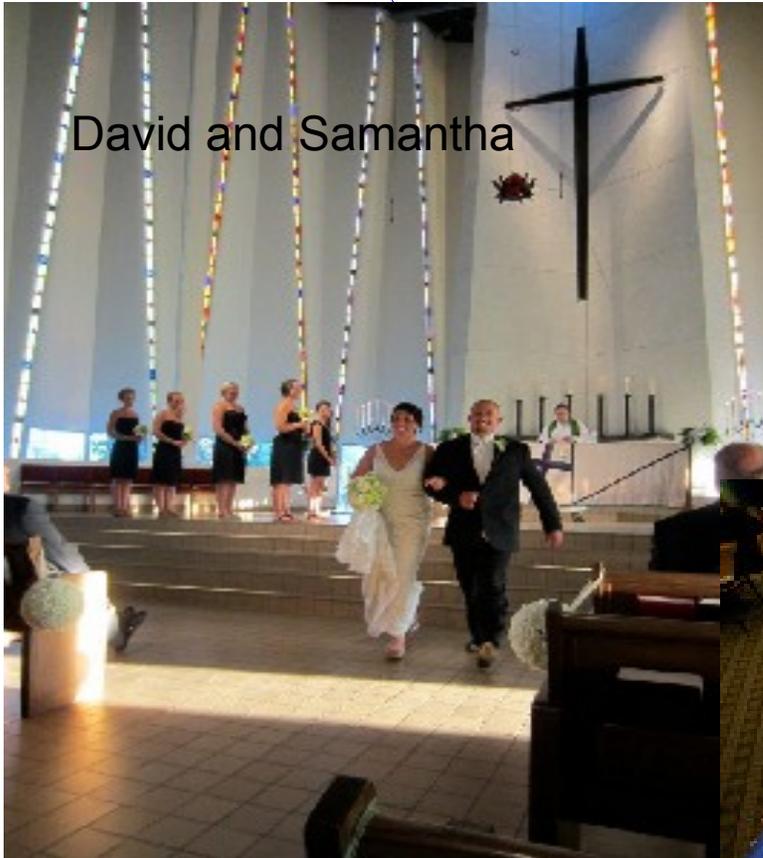
Stretch and Rick



We Made It To The Canadian Border and Back.....

On July 30,31 and Aug 01,2012, eight family members ventured out on a beautiful nature motorcycle trip. Larry, Rick, Dan, Betty, Stretch, Debbie, and Nancy met at Curt and Kathy's on Monday evening for a night cap, late lunch, warm beds, plus waking up to a great "Bed and Breakfast" meal before seven cycles road off early in the morning. Thanks Kathy for doing the dishes and cleaning up after we left. Curt lead the way through proudly groomed homes of Hastings, through Afton Alps. Stillwater, stopping at the scenic boulder/rocky St. Croix River, then up the Wisconsin border side until reaching Duluth. We met niece, Dawn Plath, for lunch in Duluth by Canal Park. Dawn is doing well, looking great and says "Hi" to everyone at home. Off we went to follow the Minnesota North Shore Drive, site seeing many scenic overlooks including Gooseberry Falls. After riding awhile and stopping to fill up with gas, Rick spotted A farmers Market stand, and purchased some fresh garden tomatoes, peaches etc. At our next butt-break stop, we found an old rickety picnic table, and enjoyed a good old fashioned tomato/ham/cheese sandwich picnic lunch like we did growing up as kids, in fact we did it again on the last day too. The guys even found a horseshoe pit, and played a game. Late in the afternoon, on Tuesday, we arrived at the Grand Portage Casino to spend the evening trying our luck at a few slot machines, and watching the London Olympics on the many TVs. The next morning after a fun breakfast in the hotel, we headed to another awesome Minnesota waterfall called Pigeon Falls (13 stories high) on Pigeon River. Wow, it was worth our mornings ½ mile hike to find it (we're all getting older.) Good news is our hearing is good because we could hear the water rushing long before seeing it. We also got to pick and eat wild raspberries along the path. We got back on the bikes, and quickly reached the Canadian border that was a quarter mile away. All day Wednesday, we followed the North Shore Drive back along Lake Superior seeing yet again many more of nature's picturesque sites. Rick spotted a decked-out gold 1971 Chevy Chevelle with black racing stripes for sale at \$22,000 along the side of the road, so we stopped to view. Darn, if he would have won a little more on the slot machines I could have been the lucky one to drive it home. Going through Duluth, driving to the airport Dan took us to the hanger where they make Cirrus airplanes,the kind that Dan flies. We drove west to Cromwell stopping for a beer at the Muni, we then turned south to Mora. Late afternoon on Wednesday as we split off in groups to our home destinations, much needed rain came through our paths, but not a problem, as we were equipped with rain gear and windshields. Most of the crew safely reached home on Wednesday evening, however Betty and Nancy extended their vacation one more night at the Emma Krumbees Hotel in Belle Plaine, Mn. Being the rain with close lightning was on their tails. The famous Emma Krumbees warm soup and pie, plus hot tub and spa treatment was enjoyed nevertheless. We put on 900 miles in a quick two and a half days, but we sure saw God's glorious beauty through the rolling hills of birch and evergreen trees, and gorgeous waters. Thanks to my hubby, 4 brothers and 2 sisters I surely will treasure your company and conversations. Hugs, Debbie

David and Samantha Nelson July 27, 2012



David and Samantha



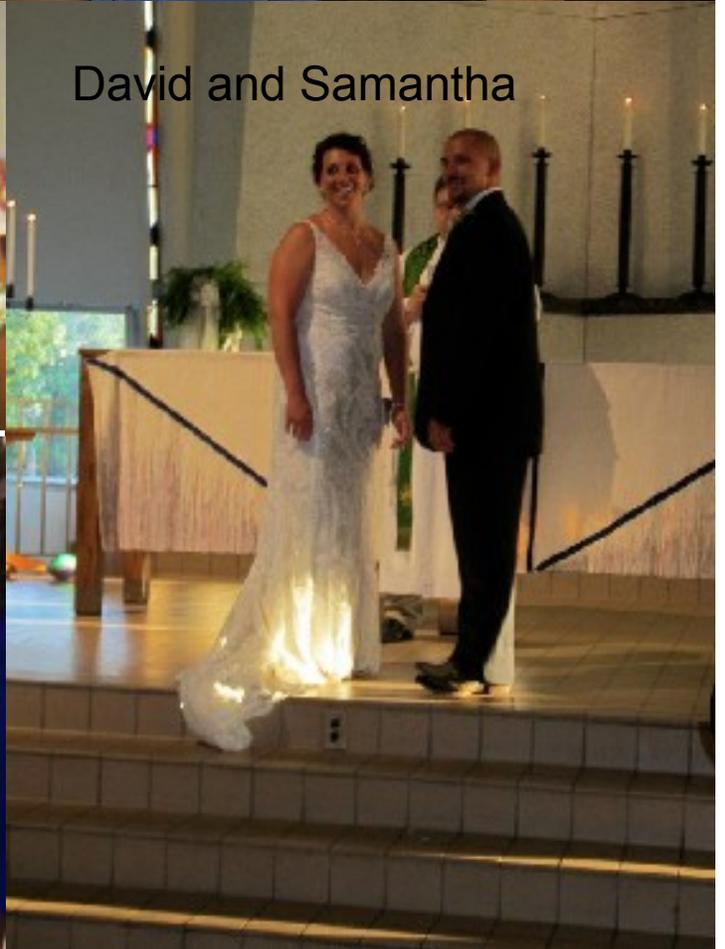
Duane, Curt and Mike, the Mages Brothers



Amanda Bemmels, Laura Wolf and Sarah Mills



David, Donna and Dean



David and Samantha



Rick Mages and his Harem

David and Samantha getting ready for the garter auction



Rick, Duane and Curt



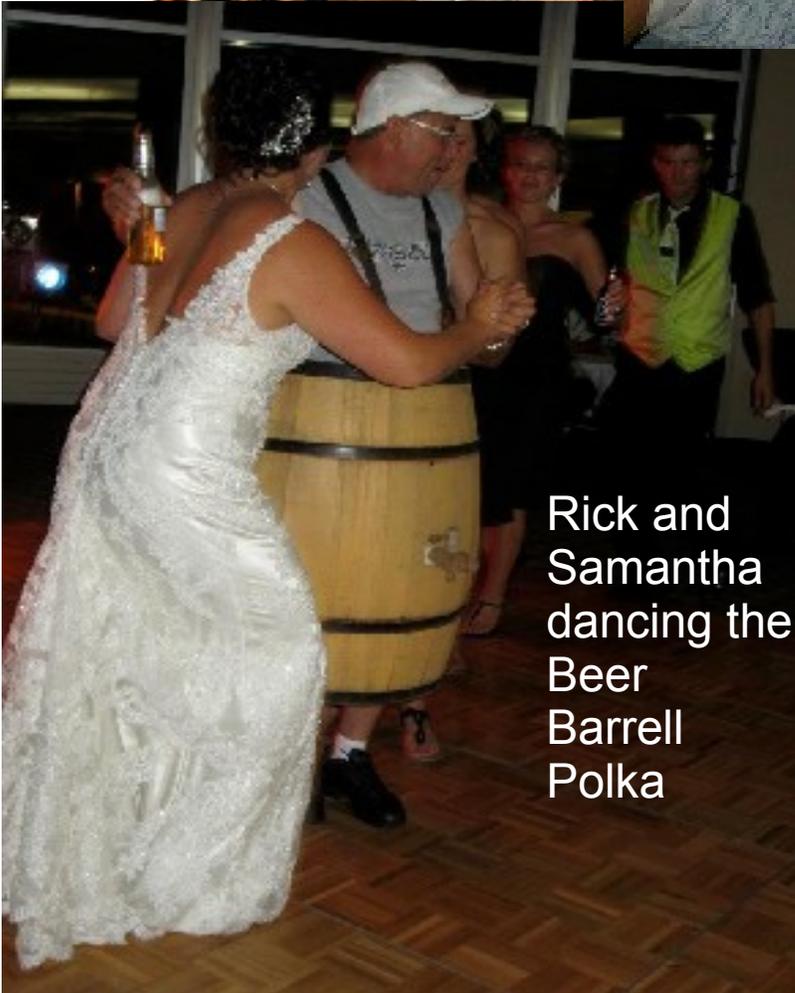
The dance floor



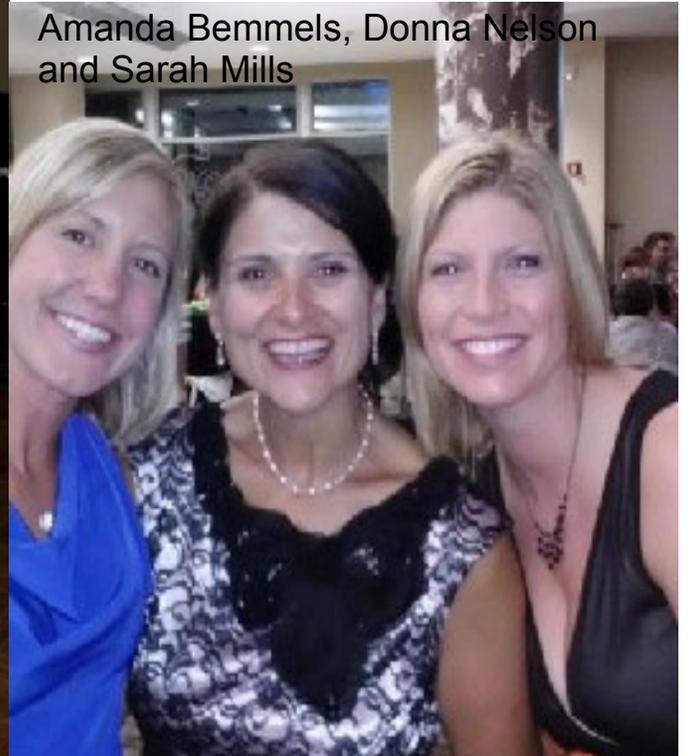
Kim Strate, Melanie Miller and Laura Wolf

*David and Samantha Nelson
Wedding Continued*

Amanda Bemmels, Donna Nelson and Sarah Mills



Rick and Samantha dancing the Beer Barrell Polka



*Martin Paul Magee - July 23, 2012 - 7 lbs 10 ozs, Son of
Greg and Mary Kay Magee*



Teresa and Bobby Best - July 13 - 2012

Congratulations Teresa and Bobby Best and welcome to the family. I wish all my love and may God Bless you both. Godspeed as you spend your future together. Mom (Betty)

Duane Turns 60 Years Old- August 03, 2012



We heard of money growing on trees, but not beer. We woke up on Saturday morning, August 4 to 60 bottles of beer hanging from our walnut tree. WOW WHAT A SIGHT!

They were attached to the tree with rubber bands, ingenious. Our hats off to the person or persons who thought that one up. Thank You and stop in for a beer and we will share it with that ingenious person!!! Duane and Jermayne

Thank you all who attended Duane's birthday party and making it a special surprise on his 60th birthday. After all these years I was finally successful at surprising him. Thanks to Mother Barbara in helping me to get him off the farm for a couple of hours on Saturday morning, so that our kids could get things ready. Thank you also children for the speeding help and your contribution to it.

It is far better to celebrate together when living, then when we are gone from this earth. Thank you all for making it a success and an enjoyable day. Love You All, Jermayne



Notes From Duane- Happy 60th Years Old

Jermayne asked me a couple of weeks ago what kind of pie I would like, and I told her cherry pie. The day of my birthday Jermayne made me a cherry pie. I told her that was better than a birthday cake.

For my birthday breakfast Jermayne made me fried tomatoes, eggs and homemade bread. Boy was that good. It was like eating candy.

Rick and Jane arrived in the morning of the big day, and spent the day with us. Jermayne joined us in the afternoon. Rick, Jane and I went to Jimmy's work, and had steak and sweetcorn for dinner. We then went to Rick and Jane's camper at Rice Lake, and Jermayne met us there.

We all then went out to supper at the New London Legion Club for shrimp and fish. After supper Jermayne took us to the Crow River Ski Team show at the New London Crow River. The performance was awesome.

Back to Fischer's Resort with Rick and Jane. Then it started to rain, so we went home. We got $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of rain. What a wonderful birthday present.

The next morning I got up, and saw a cooler under the trees. I found 60 full bottles of Miller Lite Beer in glass bottles hung like ornaments on a Christmas tree on one of the trees by the evergreens.

I won't mind turning 60 again. It was wonderful Love, Duane

Editors note: Gee Duane how many birthdays are you having this year, with the one at Happy Joes in New Ulm and the one at Applebees in Mankato in March of this year?



Kevin Plath, Duane Mages, Joe Gall



Trish Mages, Diane Mages and Jim Mages



Duane and his new tool chest



Barb Plath, Jane Mages, Linda Gall



Jermayne leading Duane's Program, Trish and Stephanie Mages

Duane's 60th Birthday Continued



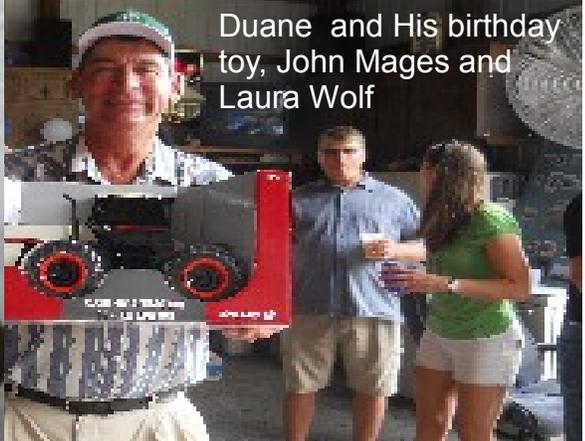
Duane's grandchildren, Laura and Steven singing happy birthday to Duane.



Duane, Nora Trista, Shirley and Loren Frigaard



L-R: Bob Klegstad, Ron Mages, Joe Gall and Kevin Plath



Duane and His birthday toy, John Mages and Laura Wolf



Dewey Havemeier, John Mages, Stretch Fischer, Jory Mages, Nancy Strate



L-R: Mom, Jane Mages, Laura Wolf, Alissa Fischer



The Estrogen Circle

The Black Diamonds- Fischer's Resort August 11, 2012



The Black Diamonds- Debbie Fischer, Leon Krzmarzick and Donna Nelson



Debbie Fischer



Donna Nelson



Debbie Fischer, Stretch Fischer and Donna Nelson



Mom



Alissa Fischer and Brianna Jensen



Aunt Mary Lou Butzer and Uncle Clarence Mages

Music in the Park 2012



Larry, Amanda, Steven, Melanie, Brianna, Donna, Mom, Debbie, Betty, Theresa and Matt on the drums behind Mom



Matt



Nancy and her friend Beth

Dean, Tom Betty, Sharon, Mom

The Black Diamonds- Debbie, Stretch and Donna



Music in the Park Continued



Mom



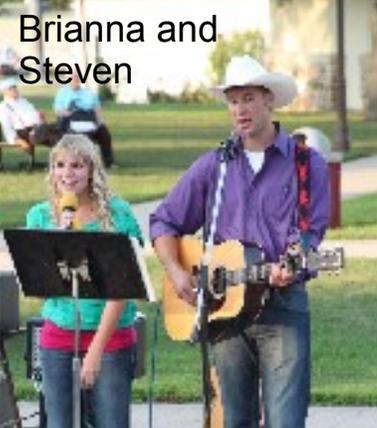
McKenna, Maggie, Randy, and Ed



Anna, Tim, Arlene, Grace, Greg, Steven



Larry and Mom



Brianna and Steven



The Crowd



Jermayne and Duane dancing



Bella singing with Amanda

Mages Girls In The Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic, a Trip of a Lifetime!

(hang on, I wrote a lot... so many fantastic experiences!!)

After months of removing links from the paper chain I made counting down the days until our trip to visit Kristen in the Dominican Republic, I finally reached the last link! On Monday, July 29th, Suzanne, her best friend Becca, our aunt Mary, and I flew out of Minneapolis to enjoy 9 days living the Dominican life, a lifestyle Kristen has now been living for 7 months. Kristen and my family's sponsored child, Wilson, greeted us at the Santo Domingo airport. This trip was a great opportunity to get to know Wilson, a 16 year-old boy who has spent the majority of his life living at the NPH orphanage along with his younger sister. We spent as much time as we could with Wilson when at the orphanage... us girls are proud to say we finally have a brother! Every moment of the trip was amazing, but the highlight had to be meeting all of the kids at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage where Kristen will continue to be living/volunteering for another year. Let me tell you, it's not easy to learn the names of 222 kids in a single week, but we tried our best. We had a lot of fun with them doing all sorts of activities like making bracelets, making dream dolls, painting nails and just hanging out in the park. One afternoon we even brought out the guitar that Betty sent down (thank you Betty!) and the kids loved it! We sang and danced all afternoon while everyone took turns playing.

Public transportation was an experience in itself in the Dominican Republic. Our favorite form turned out to be the motos (motorbikes)! Two of us would pile onto a little moto with a driver and we would cruise into town. In the middle of the week, the 5 of us went to Puerto Plata for 4 days. The journey to get there included a truck, then a guagua (public bus), then a taxi, then a coach bus, and then another taxi- a total travel time of 7 hours! It was fun to see Kristen fluently speak Spanish with the drivers, bargaining prices and making sure we didn't get ripped off because we were 'Americanas'. The resort was just as memorable as our experience at the orphanage. Along with spending some quality time at the ocean, we also went on an excursion to the "27 Charcos" (27 Waterfalls). We went up to the 7th waterfall by literally climbing up through (aka the guides lifting us through) the waterfalls and then sliding down them (and jumping about 15 feet down the last one) all in the most refreshingly cool water!

After our northern adventures were over, we returned to NPH for the last 2 nights to spend more time with the kids. New experiences continued up until the final hours of the trip. On our last day, Wilson and the 5 of us went to the sugar cane fields where we learned how to cut down and peel sugar cane with a machete. We all got a chance to taste the sugar cane as well! We decided to end the trip with a bang that final evening when we visited the nearby batey (pronounced buh-TAY) for an evening of dancing. Bateys began as Haitian work camps years ago, but since have become more permanent villages with both Haitians and Dominicans alike. That night we learned all sorts of dancing, including the bachata, the merengue and dembow! It was an outstanding trip that I am sure none of us will ever forget!

PS if you ever want to hear more about Kristen's adventures, check out her blog at <http://www.kristenmages.blogspot.com/> or check out our facebook if you would like to see more pictures!

Michelle



Suzanne,
Michelle
and Kristen

Dominican Republic Continued

Kristen, Suzanne, Wilson and Michelle



Child with Michelle



Michelle, Kristen, Suzanne, Mary and Becca



Kristen on a Moto

Mankato Wednesday Night Card Group



Betty, Jon, Joe, Linda, LeAnn, Nancy, Jeff, Kevin and Barb

Ten years ago Barb and Kevin and Joe and I started playing snazzle every Wednesday night. Jeff and LeAnn joined us as they got less busy with the kid's ball games. Eventually Betty moved to Lake Crystal so she joined us, and now Jon Dull and two years ago when Nancy moved to North Mankato she joined us. Every now and again we have guests who learn quickly that you can not bid 10 and make it. We rotate who hosts the evening, and that person makes supper for everyone. It has been a fun tradition even after 10 years we still laugh a lot on Wednesday nights. This photo was taken last Wednesday night at Nancy's house. We decided it was time to have a picture taken and share it with you. Linda

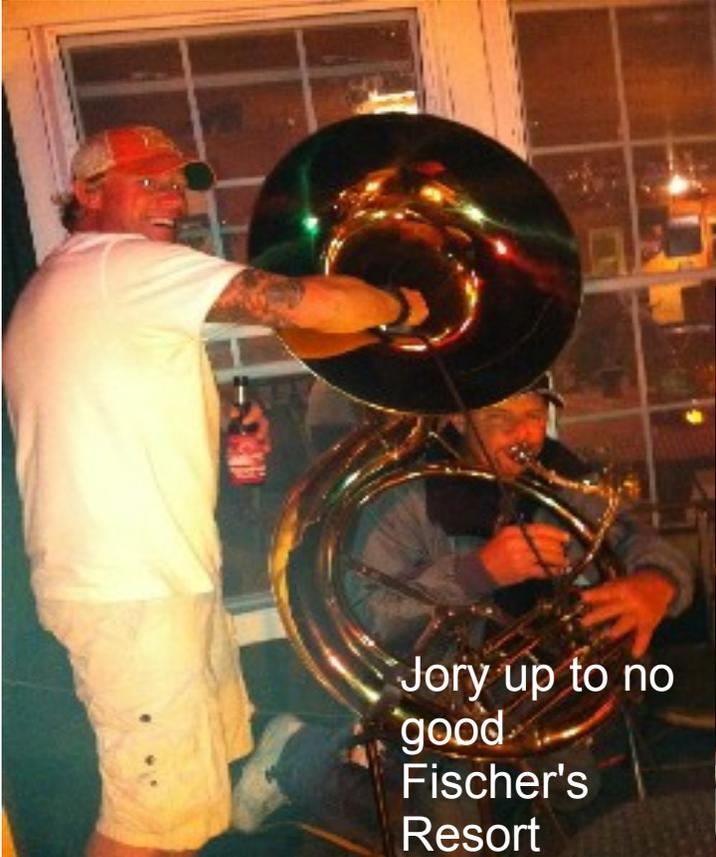
The Month in Pictures



Music in the Park, Tom, Sharon and Debbie



Music in the Park, Melanie and Steven



Jory up to no good Fischer's Resort



Lampighter after Music in the park. Nancy, Betty, Jon, Linda and Mom



Ashley Wolf



Steven singing with the kids at Music in the park