

# Joining the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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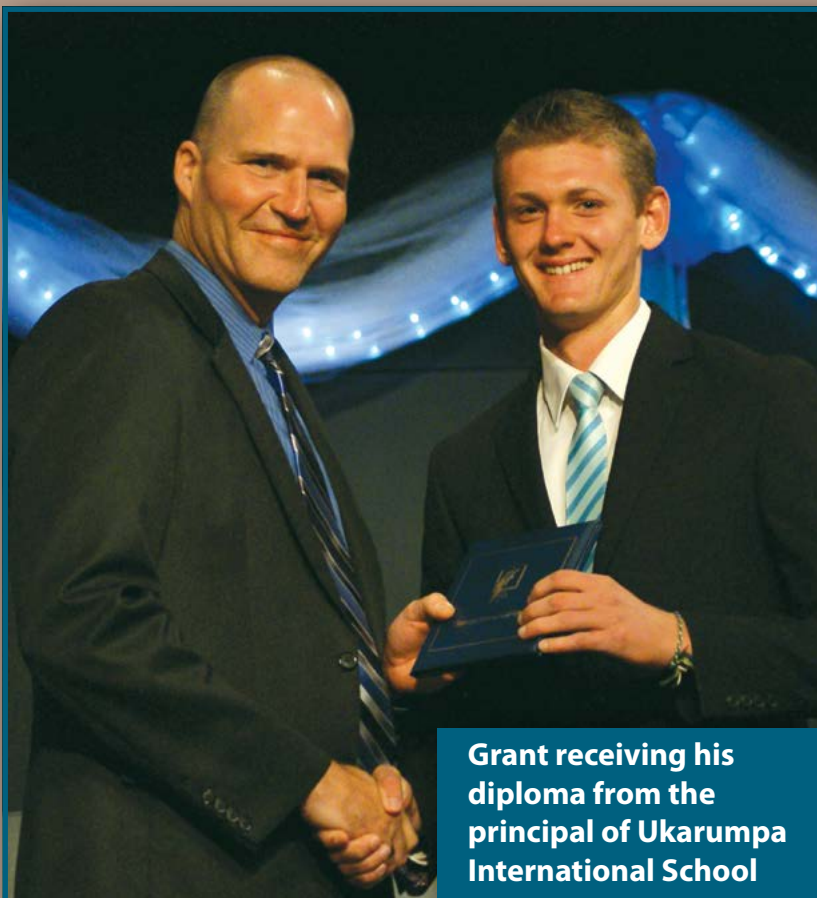


**A**fter being way behind the curve in using technology, we have finally decided it is time to join the 21st century and communicate with you all through a website. All you have to do is go to **johnandbrena.com** on the internet and enter your email address to get our updates. Another option is to get access to them through Facebook (**brena.bruner**). We still plan to send out a letter through the regular mail once a year, but if you would like more frequent updates, then we would encourage you to go to our website and subscribe.



Having fun with Brena's family  
in Southern California





**Grant receiving his diploma from the principal of Ukarumpa International School**



**The boys with their friends just before flying out of Ukarumpa**



**Grant and Absi outside their dorm**

## New Places

**W**ow! Where do we begin? Life has been FULL and FULL of changes since we last wrote. Here are just a few recent events:

- Grant graduated from Ukarumpa International School in mid-June.
- We packed up and flew back to the States after a 5 year term overseas.
- In two months we traveled coast to coast to reconnect with family and friends.
- We shared about our work with Wycliffe in three Open Houses, two churches, and many informal gatherings.
- In mid-August, we finally arrived in Arlington, Texas and began to get settled in the house where we will be for the year – the house owned by my (Brena's) parents!
- We took Grant to John Brown University to begin his freshman year and he had a very helpful Missionary Kid (MK)/International student orientation before the other freshmen arrived.
- Joey and Luke started the year in nearby public schools and have already joined soccer teams.

It's been a huge transition for us and at times we have found it a bit overwhelming. We appreciate so much your prayers and other ways you have helped to encourage us upon our return to the States. Our new address and phone numbers are below. If you're ever in the area, please stop by. We'd love to see you.

### **Our new address is:**

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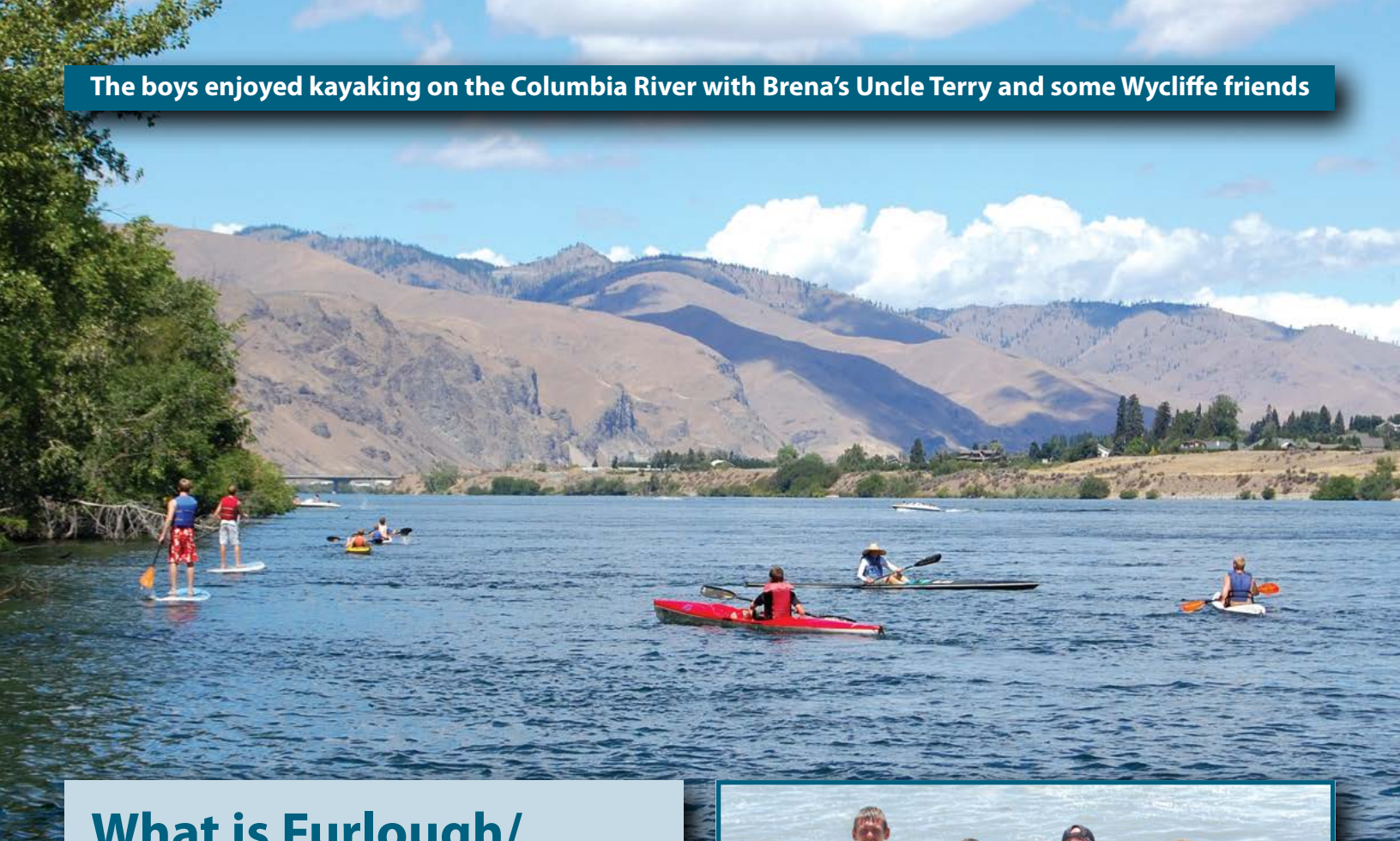
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The boys enjoyed kayaking on the Columbia River with Brena's Uncle Terry and some Wycliffe friends



## What is Furlough/ Home Assignment?

**Y**ou might be wondering what we will be doing during this year of "home assignment" (besides gaining weight from all the good food!). **I (JOHN)** will be continuing to work on the Fataleka translation. I will mostly work at home, checking the books that Jeffrey Iro drafts. In March 2015 I will travel to the Solomons to work with the Fataleka team for several weeks. I also hope to take some courses in Greek in preparation for doing a Master's Degree program. And, if time permits, I want to finish checking the book of Genesis in the Bughotu language. It was drafted a couple years ago and I checked half of it before getting too busy with other work.

Besides holding down the fort, maintaining our new website/correspondence and working on some photo projects, **I (BRENA)** don't have any specific plans for the year at this point. I hope it will be a restful year during which I can do things like reading, hanging out with friends and family in this area, and cooking easier meals or ordering take-out. I also suspect I'll be watching a lot of Joey and Luke's soccer games (hopefully in good weather!).

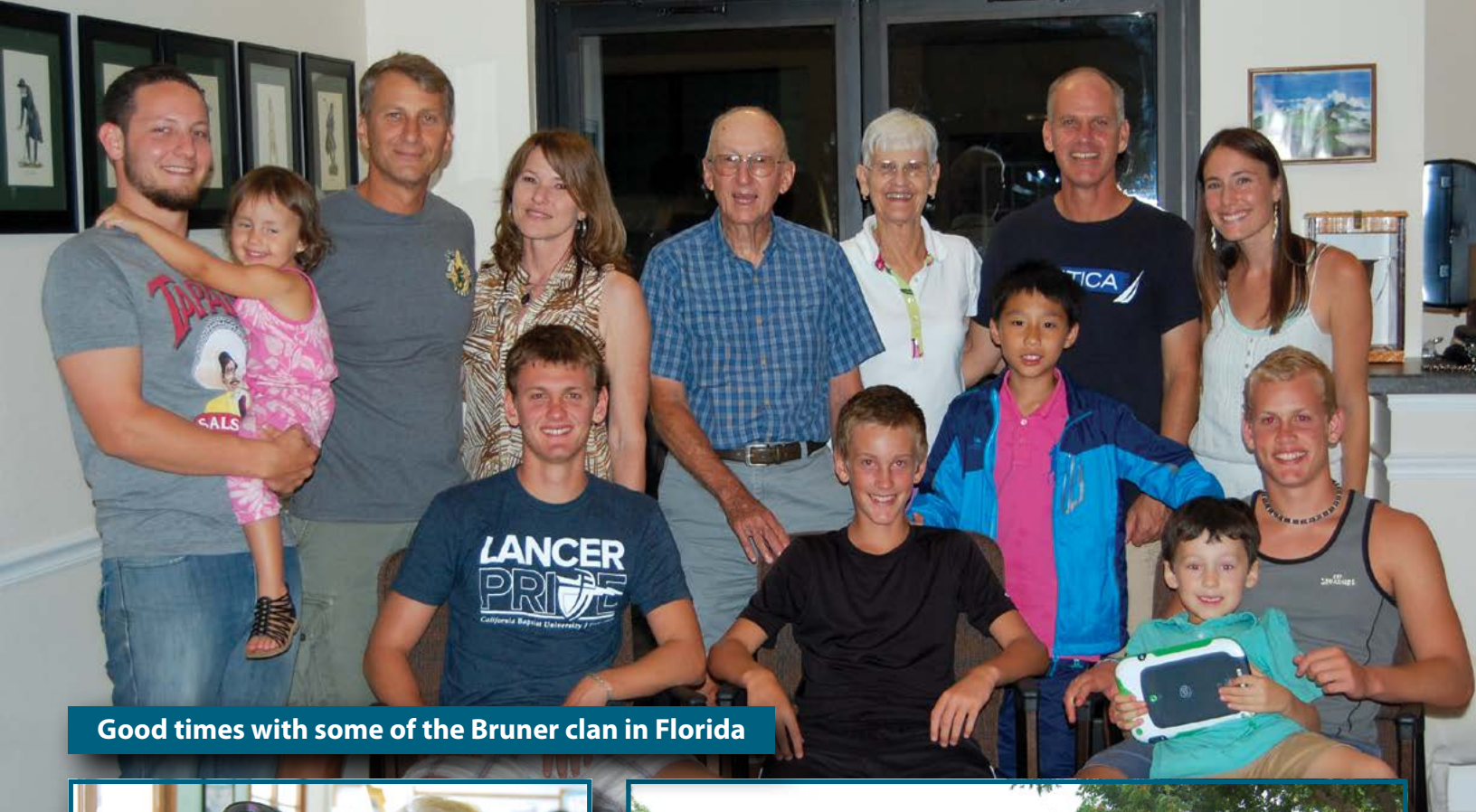


A day of boogie boarding in Southern California - Grant proved to be the champion of the Bruner boys



Inside a lava tube near Mount St. Helens with the Montgomerys, our friends from Solomon Islands





Good times with some of the Bruner clan in Florida



It was great to be able to catch up with friends after being gone for many years



Our house in Arlington, Texas

## Praise and Prayer:

- We're thankful for safety on our travels and wonderful reconnecting times with family and friends this summer.
- John Brown seems like a great fit for Grant and we know that he will be well taken care of by those who understand missionary kids.
- Grant's Papua New Guinean friend (Absi) was able to get to John Brown in time for school to start and they were able to room together.
- We're so enjoying this comfortable house that God (and my parents) provided for us.
- Pray that we'll quickly feel settled and adapt to this new place and new way of living.
- The boys are adjusting to their new schools; Joey in grade 11 at Martin High, Luke in grade 8 at Boles Jr. High, and Grant as a freshman at John Brown University. Please pray for them to find good friends.

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