

PAULINA

“Beeps” took a semester off from UMBC and had a terrific time in Ireland. Of course, she helped us a ton with the kids, but for the most part spent the time experiencing life in Dublin and traveling around Europe. She visited Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, The Czech Republic, France, Spain, and Italy. We will sorely miss Paulina when she finishes her last semester at UMBC this spring!



Dun Laoghaire Rome, Steve Titus

GRANDPA

Grandpa turned 94 this year spent the spring living with Kevin (Eric’s brother) while we were in Ireland. He had fun becoming better friends with Kevin and Kevin’s church family in Annapolis. Unfortunately, Grandpa took a fall in September & broke his hip. His hip surgery was a success, but he is still in a rehabilitation facility trying to recover. We all miss him very much and eagerly await his return home!



Gpa, Fam, Kevin, Alex & Trinity

HANLYS’ 2008 @ A GLANCE

- Dec** (*07)- Left the USA for Ireland.
- Jan**- Belfast (N Ire/UK); Wicklow Mtns, Glendalough (IE); Prague (CZ); Tessa/Tyson visit.
- Feb**- Portugal; Morocco; Spain.
- Mar**- Cork, Kilarney (Kerry) (IE) w/ O’Sullivans; Copenhagen (DK); Stockholm (SE) w/ Gaudios; Paulina’s family visit.
- Apr**- Philadelphia (SAGES); Church retreat; Cairo (EG); Istanbul (TR).
- May**- Galway, Cliffs of Moher, Roscommon (IE) w/ Papa; Montreux (CH); Rome, Venice (IT); Vatican City w/ Steve Titus.
- June**- Back to USA; St Joseph, MI; 11th wedding anniversary.
- July**- Mimi Susan visits.
- Aug**- Dumonds visit; Walkersville Camp; Johnsons/Tyser (WY); CO.
- Sept**- E Interviews in OH, MO, NC.
- Oct**- Matt/Abby Wedding (CA); E Interviews in MA, OR, CA; San Fran (ACS); CanCity, GrndJ (CO).
- Nov**- E San Diego (SAGES BoD); Eric Matched @ Duke!!!
- Dec**- Paulina in WY; Susan/Bill visit.



Riding camels in Morocco

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Hanly 2008 Christmas Letter



Crossing the Strait of Gibraltar

Merry Christmas and greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that God was as gracious to you as he was to us this year. 2008 was a great adventure for the Hanly family. We packed up our house and moved to Dublin, Ireland for 6 months. We traveled intensely—visiting 13 countries—and even celebrated St. Patrick’s Day on the Emerald Isle (NOT what you would expect—ask us about it sometime). We returned home at the end of May.



The Coliseum in Rome, Italy



Blarney Castle

Glendalough

JENNIFER

Jenn turned 35 this year and is officially middle-aged! She is still enjoying homeschooling the kids (especially in Europe—so much history!). Her travel favorites were get-aways with Eric to Cairo, Egypt, and Montreux, Switzerland (on Lake Geneva), and with the family to Tangier, Morocco. Jenn participated in a women’s Bible study this year on silence & solitude (one of her favorite subjects). Jenn also played softball on our church’s undefeated league team this year!



The Pyramids



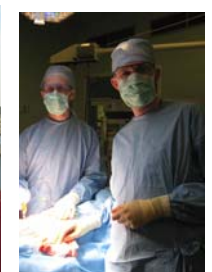
Lake Geneva

ERIC

Eric loved surgery in Ireland where he operated independently for the first time. The first half of his chief resident year at Johns Hopkins has been hard work, but a total blast. He is looking forward to finishing general surgery residency in June and then starting a laparoscopic surgery fellowship at Duke University in July. That’s right, the Hanly family is off to North Carolina for a year!



Copenhagen



The O.R. w/ Colin

MICAL



Violin Recital St Pat. Day w/ Zoe

Mical is now 7 years old and excelling in the 2nd grade of the Hanly Homeschool. She is growing tall like her dad and thin like her mom. Mical spends most of her days reading, but also likes playing with her siblings, toy horses, and helping anyone who may be sick. Mical continues to enjoy going to piano lessons with Mimi, and Papa started taking her to violin lessons this summer as well.

In Europe, Mical particularly enjoyed traveling to Portugal (where she collected sea shells), and making friends in Ireland—especially the lovely Zoe O’Sullivan. The two of them were virtually inseparable once they met. The O’Sullivan family shared their church with us and introduced us to such Irish favorites as vacationing in County Kerry, pints (of Guinness) at the local pub, and they even rescued us from the mainly American St. Patrick’s Day parade in favor of hanging at home with mates for fellowship, pints, and a hurling match on the tele.



Powerscourt Piano Recital

MICAH



Portugal Beach Killarney w/ Ruairi

Micah is now 5 years old and started kindergarten this fall. He is really enjoying school—especially reading, which he took to quite suddenly. He loves being able to read like his big sister and is devouring simple readers just like she did.

Micah continues to enjoy any kind of physical fighting. He eagerly anticipates the arrival of his dad at the end of the day so that he can ambush him. You have to always be “on alert” when Micah is around, as he can attack at any moment (frequently jumping from great heights with complete recklessness).

In contrast, Micah has also taken a very sweet interest in his baby sister. You can often observe him saying, “Ray-Ray, can I help you with that?” Among European foods, Micah enjoyed Nutella and Kinder eggs. He also loved seeing bulls in Spain and riding camels in Morocco. But most exciting, Micah accepted Christ as his personal Savior while traveling in beautiful Ireland!



Blarney Dungeon Prado Madrid

JOSIAH



Royal Gorge Train “Irish” Emma

Josiah turned 3 years old while we were in Ireland. He is in pre-school and is very proud to tell anyone who will listen. “Jojo” (or “Dodo” to his baby sister) spends most of his days dancing around the house singing at the top of his lungs. He continues to keep the whole family entertained with his constantly hilarious antics. He has also been credited with giving us all of our “musical” memories from Ireland (songs he got us singing that now remind us of Ireland).

Josiah’s best friend in Ireland was “Irish Emma” (not to be confused with his American friend, Emma Floyd). In addition to making new friends in Ireland, Josiah liked swimming at the NAC (National Aquatic Center), with its giant water slides and wave pools.

Josiah also enjoyed pretending to be a gladiator with his big sibs at the Coliseum in Rome, imitating the guards in the Sistine chapel in Vatican City (“Silencio!”), and riding water taxis in Venice.



Gladiators Sweden w/ Chip

RACHEL



Cliffs of Moher Asleep on Ferry

“Baby” Rachel (aka “Ray-Ray,” “Ribena”) is now 2 years old. She spent all of her time sight-seeing in Ireland riding in luxury (on Daddy’s back—not exactly luxury for Eric!). Rachel learned to walk and talk while in Ireland, and since we’ve been back, has occasionally been spotted guarding pots of gold when it rains!

Rachel has a warm sense of humor and enjoys making her older siblings laugh. Of course, she also tries to do whatever her big brothers and sister are doing. Like her father, Rachel likes everything in its place. She is very particular about not having anything on her hands or face, she likes her sock seams perfectly parallel with her toes, she likes her blankets to be completely straight on her bed, and she can’t even tolerate having dirt on the BOTTOM of her shoes!

But Rachel’s most endearing characteristic remains her desire to be a constant cuddle bunny. Even as a 2-year-old she loves to be held and snuggled. She is a real sweetheart.



Field Day w/ Floyds, Peytons, Mck.