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# The Wilson Times Journal

*Jim and Deb Wilson, Christie and John*

## CHANGE IN PLANS

A year ago December we were traveling along when we experienced car trouble. Four hours later, we found ourselves being towed to our destination. When we eventually arrived, we stopped and thanked the Lord for bringing us safely there, even if it was not on our original time table.

As December 2006 arrived, we found ourselves in a similar situation. Just days away from purchasing our tickets back to Manila, we found that we needed to extend our time in the states. Our new departure time is now May 31, 2007. While not our original time table, we believe the Lord will use this extension. Therefore, we thank Him in advance.

Since we are here, we will use this time to strengthen our relationships with our supporting churches and continue to work on educational issues with our son John. While we were unable to visit many of you during our first six months, we are hoping this additional time will help us change that. To schedule a date, please contact us at the following address:

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Christie:** After spending Christmas with us in Iowa, Christie attended Urbana 2006, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's tri-annual Mission Convention. Held in St. Louis, she joined 22,000 other college age students in looking at how they could be involved in World Missions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. She is now happily enjoying her second semester at Wheaton College

**John:** Since John could not be in Manila for all the fireworks on New Years Eve, we spent the night instead in New York City staying with Deb's brother, Tim. Jan. 2 found us at the "All Kinds of Minds" Institute, founded by Mel Levine. Considering it was more testing, John found the staff warm and encouraging. Their results will come to us at the end of January in a 30 page report.

**Home Schooling:** Since we were in NYC, we took advantage of the time and toured the Statue of Liberty. Also, Deb's brother treated us to the Broadway production of Tarzan. While walking through Rockefeller Plaza, we waved, but the NBC cameras were already asleep for the night. From NYC, we traveled to Washington DC for 3 days. Christie had already traveled to Virginia with her best friend from Faith Academy so she came and met us there. Our schedule was too tight to attend the state dinner with

President Bush, but we did enjoy the 70 degree weather as we toured the monuments and expanded our historical knowledge.

## **Prayer and Praise:**

**Jim:** He will travel to the Philippines for a week starting Feb. 12. After attending annual conference for the Northern Philippines Conference, he will then proceed to Bangkok, Thailand for an additional week of meetings. Pray for safety and wisdom as he makes many decisions during this time period.

**John:** He is one excited 8<sup>th</sup> grader as he is putting his new lap top to work. He begins instruction on how to use his voice activated software in mid-January. Thank you for your financial sacrifice in providing it along with the testing in NYC.

(See attached photo of the Wilson 4 in front of the White House in Washington DC)

