



# These Are The Days...

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Here it is folks the latest and greatest in entertainment journalism, our family newsletter. I have toyed with the idea of starting a newsletter "of our very own" for quite a while, and given our newfound circumstances it seems the appropriate time. Rather than go back to the very beginnings of the Crookston family we'll just start with our recent move...or maybe a little before our recent move.

On May 1, of this year Jared finally graduated and our days of being poverty-stricken college students were at last over. He had a few interviews and a couple of offers; in the end we decided to go with Ball Aerospace here in Colorado.



After accepting the offer and taking the house-hunting trip the time came for the move. The company paid for everything, we just had to stand around and watch as our entire lives got packed into boxes and then into the big orange truck. It was pretty funny to see our little apartment stuffed to the ceiling with moving boxes. Though after everything fit into the first ten feet of the moving truck I remember thinking that we had more stuff than that.

After we got here we stayed in a hotel for a couple of nights, courtesy of Ball Aerospace, until our stuff got here. Then we were even more grateful for the moving guys since our new apartment is on the third floor of the building. It didn't take them very long at all to haul all our stuff up the stairs and then Noah and I once again found ourselves in a sea of boxes. The poor little guy was just exhausted.

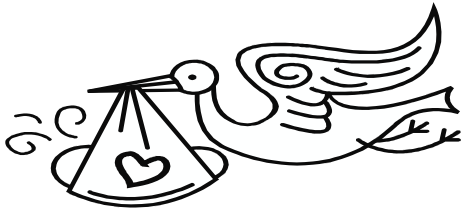


After the first week we were pretty much settled into the apartment, and were getting more familiar with the area. The very first Sunday that we went to church we got invited to dinner by a couple that also graduated from USU and work at Ball. We've done a couple of things with them and it has been really nice to have some friends close by again.

Well, we are all settled in now and very glad that the whole thing is behind us.

The new apartment is nice and we really like it. Its best feature is its layout. It is

all one level, which is really nice for Noah since all his stuff lives in his room. He has a really good time playing in there. The windows are all lower so he can see out, he really likes to watch the cars go by on the freeway. The floor plan is really open and we like the spacious feeling it has. We also got an on-site storage room for all the stuff that would make it feel small. We are hoping to get into a house next year but we'll have to see how things go.



In other much more exciting news we are thrilled to announce that we are expecting our second baby!!! So far we know that we are due around the end of January/beginning of February...and that's about all. We are very excited and are having a good time romanticizing the whole situation. Hopefully it all goes as smoothly as we are planning.



We printed up some really cute cards to send to everybody to tell them; on the outside they just said guess what and on the inside was this picture of Noah...

For fathers day this year Jared got a model airplane, that he has been having quite a good time with, and a CD of kiddie songs. He and Noah are really cute together singing and dancing to 'She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain.'

We got stuff for our bathroom for my birthday, and Jared brought me home roses and a movie. We put the rubber duck stuff in Noah's bathroom and got some navy blue and lime green towels for ours. It looks really nice and was a lot of fun to get put together.



On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July we went to the Drivers License Division to get our Colorado licenses. The

whole thing was a huge pain and I am never going back to that office. It took forever and the people were for the most part really rude. Anyway, I was just about ready to bawl by the time we raced out of there for my first doctor's appointment.

We made it to the midwife on time and the appointment went fairly well until we got to the end. I guess that I hadn't had enough to eat and was still quite flustered over the DLD thing. After they drew blood and we were making the next appointment, I got really lightheaded and passed out as the nurse got me a chair. Then I puked in the garbage can and we got to hang out at the doctor a bit longer and have a drink and stuff. Jared took Noah and I home and put us both down for naps then went back to work. I am really glad he was there.

Since we were out and about spending the insurance company's money I finally got an eye exam and new contacts too. It was nice to throw the million-year-old pair I had been wearing away.



We got to pick up Noah's new pictures that weekend and they turned out really cute...of course.

Noah got his first haircut on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July at Fantastic Sams. He did really good, even though he was really tired. The buzzer was a little distressing at first but he didn't shed a tear the whole time. We saved a little bit of his hair and he even got a baby's first haircut certificate.



We had an ultrasound of the new baby done on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. It was really cool; I am excited to get another one. So far everything looks pretty good. We should be able to find out what the baby is near the end of September.

Jared's friends Rusty and Melissa stopped by and had dinner that evening. It was really nice to see them, and we had a really good time. They are expecting

their first baby in March and are very excited.

My family came out to see us near the end of the month and we had a really good time. We did a lot of things and they got to take a lot of pictures. Grandpa packed Noah around a lot; we went to the park and swimming at the hotel where they stayed. Jared got some See's certificates from work so we went and got chocolates one afternoon. We also took them to dinner at Trail Dust and had some excellent steaks. We really enjoyed having them here and were really sad when they had to go.

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Noah recently started dancing! It is so cute. He stands up to something and just shakes his cute little butt up and down; it is the most adorable thing ever. Jared has been working on the baby-dancing thing for a longtime...good work honey.



Noah's latest word is diaper. He has quite a collection now; he says bear, bunny, uh-oh as well as the previous bye-bye, grandpa, mama and dada. His collection of words gets bigger all the time and he's chatty little guy now days.

He also knows where his head is and what the kitty says, I tell ya' the kid is a genius.

I think that that about wraps up our premier issue. Hopefully it won't be too long till the next one.