



Season's Greetings from St. Peter! (the place, not the person)



We moved this year, so please note our **new mail address** at the bottom of the next page. Also note that our family acronym has changed from JAHIL to the somewhat-less-pronounceable **JFHIL**, because the daughter “formerly known as Audrey” now goes by her middle name, Faith – a new name for a new place.

Unfortunately “our old Kentucky home” is still on the market, so we actually still have feet in both places. (And by the way, Faith accepts being called Audrey by Berea friends.)

We're now “**dwellers by a linden tree**” in fact as well as name,* since a linden grows outside our St. Peter living room window. While having far fewer trees on our quarter-acre city lot here than on our partially-wooded one-acre lot in Berea, we do have a beautiful birch and a productive apple tree in addition to the linden. We bought an older (1968) home on the same ridge as the college campus, up about 150 feet from the Minnesota River valley. And though we no longer have a formal dining room, **we have a guest room**, plus overflow space in a basement. An intentional change is that we do far less routine driving, since many of our daily activities in St. Peter, including the kids getting to school, can easily be accomplished by moving around on foot or bicycle. We still make longer car trips from our south central MN location to see Dontje family members in north central Iowa, or to visit Lindell family members in Minneapolis (northeast from here) and in Austin, MN (east from here.) It's a joy to be closer to them!

Halla is a 5th grader at the St. Peter intermediate school, **Faith is a 7th grader** at the middle school, and **Isaac is a 9th grader** (no longer home schooled) at the high school. We now have 3 soccer players, 3 bikers, 2 trumpeters, 2 pianists, 2 French language students, 1 tuba player, 1 clarinet player, 1 licensed ham radio operator, 1 gymnast, and 1 unicyclist among the three kids, making for interesting sounds and sights at times.



(left photo) JFHIL with Mom and Dad Dontje at their home in Ledyard, IA in September.

(right photo) FHIL (Jim was taking the photo) with Mom and Dad Lindell and Laura's three sisters in Alexandria, MN in July. We were watching videotaped skits by the three grandchildren who live in South Africa and didn't make it to Mom and Dad Lindell's 50th anniversary celebration. (Isaac is standing in the center back holding the remote control; Laura, with nephew Joshua in her lap, is sitting by her mom in the center; and Halla and Audrey Faith are on the floor in front, close to the computer screen.)

Minnesota Move happened in June 2007 from

Our "Old Kentucky Home" of six years in Berea

Via a very large "u-pack, but they-drive-it" moving container.

Intermittent adjustment occurred as we gradually recognized this differed substantially from our usual summer sojourn to this part of the country.

Not without some sense of loss, we nevertheless find satisfaction in being here, where

Gustavus Adolphus College is Jim's new work locale for environmental education efforts.

We look forward to hearing what 2007 held for you, and wish you well in 2008. Blessings!

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* Etymology of the Swedish name Lindell suggests the meaning "dweller by the linden tree," while the abbreviated combination of our last names that we use for email, although spelled Lin_Don, sounds much like linden....