

"In His hand is the life of every creature  
and the breath of all mankind." ~ JOB 12:10

# Our Life moments

of the Blattmann clan

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*Dear friends,*

## PRAYER & PRAISE

Thank you for your prayers. We are still in need of them more than ever.

- ◆ In July we are going to Switzerland to celebrate Caspar's parents 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Both of Caspar's parents are in their 80's and do not have a relationship with the Lord. They both believe that they would go to Heaven - if there is such a thing - based on their good works. Please pray that God would open up their hearts and that they would really be able to hear and embrace the Gospel.
- ◆ Being part of a ministry called Momentum Europe that has as one of their responsibilities to raise money to reach Europe with the Gospel, we are very aware of the impact this economic crisis has on people and their ability to give. Please pray for encouragement and keeping faith in a big God who owns everything and can accomplish everything He calls us to do.

*With Mothers Day just behind us, we are heading into a summer with no school for Caspar, no Momentum Europe conference to attend and a trip to Switzerland too see family and friends - which we all really look forward to. This is our immediate future, God willing.*

In our immediate past, it seemed like our daily schedule was filled to the brim with all kinds of work, meetings, school assignments and family duties. These were truly high-octane days and sometimes it seemed that it would be impossible to fulfill our obligations. Colleen and I were both running on fumes and had very little time to ourselves. But we both knew that it was only going to last for a little while. And yes, at the end of April, these insurmountable mountains of to-do's were all cleared and we were still standing, by God's grace.

Isn't this a repeating story? How often have stood before invincible obstacles thinking that there is no way we could get past them? And then we overcome them with God's help and find ourselves in front of the next impassable mountain range of problems. Our lives really seem to be an unending chain of impossibilities that cause us to worry about the future and our ability to handle them. But then it is good to remember John 16:33 *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

Glad you joined us to help people see what is Eternal

*Caspar Colleen*  
*Ryan, Sean & Kira*

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## Goats vs. iPods

*This next story is similar to the way Caspar met the Lord. The vehicle through which Caspar heard the Gospel were not iPods or goats but a ski-trip. It also happened in his Freshman year at engineering university in Zürich, where he studied computer science. This first year is absolutely crucial and defines the trajectory a student finds himself on for the rest of his studies.*

## Our New Blog

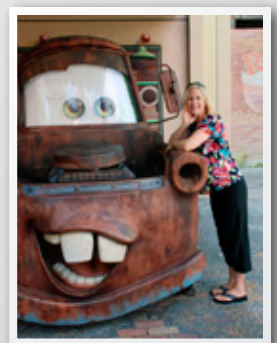
We recognized that a newsletter is sometimes not enough to communicate with you - especially in regard to our personal lives. Thus we started a blog where we share on a fairly regular basis personal stories and thoughts.

Our new home on the Internet:  
<http://ourlifemoments.wordpress.com>

## From Our Blog

### Above my Pay Grade

Today is the perfect opportunity to say something publicly that needs to be said daily in private.



I am grateful that God willed it and I got married to someone way above my pay grade. I could not ask or wish for anyone else. And what is the number one thing I think that sets Colleen apart: she has a heart of gold. Her compassion with other people, her eagerness to help others and her willingness to seek...

*For more from our family visit our Blog*

## CONTACT INFO



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The first term of university is a whirlwind, and it's about so much more than academics. Students are out to define who they are and what they think. Peer groups, interests and patterns of behavior are quite often established for the rest of their university careers.

For Agapé Student Life, Freshmen Week provides an amazing opportunity to make contact with literally thousands of first-year students who find themselves at this significant crossroads of life.

*We want to help them think through the kind of choices they make and why*

And so a unique campaign was borne. It's a simple concept. What appears initially as a classic prize drawing is really much more. **The winners of the drawing receive a moral dilemma: the choice between an iPod for themselves or two goats for a family in the developing world.** Plus everyone taking part in the competition is offered the chance to receive a copy of a specially designed evangelistic magazine which will be delivered personally by a Student Life staff member or student.

This autumn, the campaign was run by all nine of our Student Life teams across the United Kingdom. *"It's fun and bold,"* says Bristol Team Leader Ben Evans, who helped to coordinate this national effort. *"Most importantly, it's helping us to connect with huge numbers of students to find those who are spiritually interested. We get to meet them face-to-face and help them think through the most important decision of their lives."* So why Goats vs. iPods? *"We wanted to provide a drawing which not only interested people but maybe even helped them think through the kinds of choices they make and why."*

There are many students around the country who would like to talk more about issues of faith. Staff and Student leaders have begun setting up Connect groups, where students can have their questions addressed and get a fuller understanding of the gospel in a small group setting. The hope is that many more of these students would become committed followers of Jesus with a vision to reach their university.



They are all signing up to win a moral dilemma

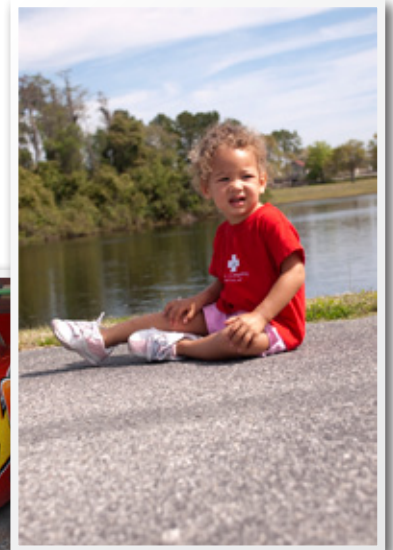


## Life Snapshots

Caspar and Kira share a tender moment



"I am a Swiss girl"



The brothers with one of their heroes



Sean the Jedi Youngling in training

