

## STEVEN & DEB KOSTER

17607 71<sup>st</sup> Ct  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
(708) 570-3980 Home  
steven@koster.com  
deb@koster.com

December 25, 2008

Greetings from Illinois!

We're on our third year living in the South Chicago suburbs, growing more mature every year!

**Jess**, at age 17, has a driver's license and keeps very busy with friends and school activities. We see her less and less. She had the fun of being student director of the school play and she is looking forward to being in the chorus for the spring musical. She sings in three choirs just for fun. And her parents are beginning to face the fact that she'll be off to college in less than a year. The empty nest begins so soon!



**Nathan** is now 14 years old. He's in the eighth grade and is quickly becoming the tallest member of the family. He's an A student who broke two school Cross Country records this fall (he likes to do everything fast). For being the new kid, everyone seems to know his name. He enjoys playing the saxophone in the high school Jazz band, just a bit early.

**Samantha**, age 11, is in sixth grade and also in middle school. She too loves to sing. She plays the flute, but really likes the piccolo. She does a little ballet with her sister and piano with her brother. Sami and her siblings all enjoyed another year of summer camp at Camp Roger in Michigan. Sami loves to read, and can be frequently be found in her room with a book, especially when all that boring Science Fiction is on.



**Deb** has been pursuing a counseling degree at Trinity Seminary in Deerfield. Together we enjoy teaching marriage enrichment courses. This August we had the privilege of leading Marriage Enrichment week at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds on the shores of Lake Michigan. It was such a treat to vacation with family and friends at the beach. It's also the place we first met at age 14! The highlight of our fall was an extended weekend in Nova Scotia, one of the most beautiful places we've been.



## STEVEN & DEB KOSTER

---

**Steven** continues developing the English-language ministry at the (newly renamed) *Back to God Ministries International*, the media ministry of our denomination. He's travelled around North America preaching for BTGMI all year long, and even spent some time in Cyprus and Egypt this fall. Look for the pictures on Facebook! He also discovered a bicycle route through the woods to the office this summer for a much improved commute! There's talk of another RAGBRAI, but we'll believe it when we see it.



As a family, aside from little camping, trips to Michigan, and family biking through the forest preserves, our best adventure was a wonderful spring break in Washington DC. We got to hang out with old friends and do the tourist thing. With all the rich history, stunning landmarks, and free museums in our nation's capitol, it was like Disneyland for NPR listeners!

In all, we marvel at God's faithfulness, carrying us through yet another year in a new home, and we can only wonder at what he has next for us!

With love,

Steven, Deb, Jessica, Nathan, and Samantha Koster

