

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19*

## **Quick snapshots of new things in our lives here in Colorado**

### **New Jobs, Same Passion**

Nell and Kyle have made big changes in location, language, and work environment. Their passion, however, remains the same. We long to see the next generation of Christ-followers mobilized for the Great Commission. We see our roles in OC's Personnel Division as being in direct alignment with that God-given passion. By the way, Nell's role has been more clearly defined. She has accepted the position of Coordinator of Short-Term Ministries. She will guide those individuals who are interested in serving with OC for one year or less. Most of those folks are in their 20s and 30s. She is really excited. We are in need of some additional support for her new role in the Personnel Division in order to cover her salary. More on that later.



### **New School Debut**

Mikayla and Elena made a graceful entrance in their new school, called Monument Academy. They are quickly making friends and enjoying their Spanish class they have once a week. Elena was quoted as remarking to her dad in her Guatemalan accent, "Papi, it's so-o-o easy!"

### **New Car!!!!**

You are going to love this story. Our friend Jason Douglas who housed our family during the summer was helping out a friend in Monument. His friend's teenage sons were mowing the lawn when suddenly the lawn mower broke down. Jason offered to walk up the street to his friend Bill's house to borrow another mower. Bill and Jason walked into the garage and Jason saw Bill had just purchased a new car. "Hey, Bill, what are you going to do with your 2000 Ford Windstar since you just replaced it with this one?" Bill answered, "Well, I have been trying to donate it to someone at our church or small group, but so far no one seems to have a specific need for it." Jason replied with enthusiasm, "Bill, I know just the family that needs this car. A missionary family that moved to Colorado from Guatemala. They are living in my basement!" "Well, Jason, it sounds like God wants me to give them the Ford Windstar! Tell them they can come pick it up." Just then the teenage kids from down the street arrived at Bill's house. "Hey, Jason, don't worry about borrowing a lawn mower. We were able to get ours started." Jason paused and realized that he had just seen God at work. Amazing!



## New Housing

At the bottom of this prayer letter is our new address in Monument, Colorado, which is a small city just north of Colorado Springs. It's the kind of place with a quaint downtown area and a farmer's market every Saturday. We love it! Again, God orchestrated something with our housing that only He could have done. We probably looked at more than 20 homes throughout the summer and just didn't find one that was in our price range and met our needs. At the end of July, we found out that an OC missionary couple owned a house in the location of Monument where we were hoping to live. Ray and Marge Tallman showed us their home, and it was perfect! It has an incredible view of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and is located on a cul-de-sac with a playground right in front of the house. Before we even signed a rental agreement, the Tallmans gave us the keys to the house and told us we could start moving our things out of the storage unit. They have blessed us beyond words.



## New and Old Friends

We were so impacted by our time with our old friends Tim and Annette Gulick (OC missionaries serving in the Latin world) who attended the Personnel Enrichment Program this summer, along with new friends, Kirk and Dawn Anderson (OC missionaries serving in Bulgaria). Also, we made some great friends during Internship, including David and Tara Malouf (OC missionaries joining the U.S. team in Seattle, Wash.). We are very blessed to have passionate, forward-thinking friends whose love for Christ and His kingdom is contagious.



*The Stiffs*