

## Brandell e-Scr@pbook

A monthly report on our life in Vanuatu



This will be an abbreviated edition of our family's monthly newsletter, since we are in the midst of our furlough trip. We hope that you will enjoy getting caught up with us.

## **FURLOUGH UPDATE**

We arrived safely in the US on June 2. A missionary's "furlough" time often has a dual purpose: [1] reporting & fundraising, and [2] friends & family. We have thoroughly enjoyed both of those parts during the first month of our two-months back at "home."

The best part of being back so far has been introducing everyone to our son, Titus. He has traveled relatively well, and continually adjusts



to new environments without missing a beat. He has gained several pounds, is up to eight teeth, jabbers & laughs continually, and is on the verge of crawling. We spent time at DisneyWorld with the Brandells and Branson with the Grays. Getting caught up on family

time has been invaluable. We also enjoyed getting caught up with several friends we haven't seen in years.

We've also enjoyed spending time with several congregations of our brethren in Oklahoma. I have preached, taught and/or presented at Elk Avenue (Duncan), Eastside (Duncan, OK), Chisholm Trail (Duncan, OK), 29th & Yale (Tulsa, OK),

## From the home-front...

We haven't been home this month, but we have enjoyed our travels. Titus is adjusting so well to being in different places and meeting different people. He is such a good baby. He is definitely the main attraction...everyone is so excited to meet him.

We thoroughly enjoyed a week in Disney World with Eric's family. Titus loved being outside all day and being passed around from person to person. He also enjoyed most of the rides and shows (lots of lights and moving parts). It was the best trip to Disney World I have ever experienced. It was so special to have Titus there with us.

We also had the opportunity to go to Branson with my family. We enjoyed swimming, Silver Dollar City, and just relaxing.

I am happy to be here seeing our family and friends. In some ways it's as if we never left. I do miss our friends in Vanuatu, but it's really nice to have a break too.

Please pray for our travels and for

Mike and the Bakers as they continue the work in Vanuatu in our absence.

We love you all - Shawnda





and Perkins (Perkins, OK). We received overwhelmingly warm welcomes from everyone we have visited, and consider it a huge blessing to be coworkers with our many generous supporters.

## 2007 FURLOUGH SCHEDULE

We spent our first month in Oklahoma, and will be in Colorado during July. Below is our planned schedule for our remaining time in the country. If you have any questions, please contact us at <a href="mailto:brandell@missionvanuatu.com">brandell@missionvanuatu.com</a>. We look forward to seeing many of you very soon, and are especially excited for everyone to meet Titus!

Wednesday, July 11Miller Street (Denver, CO)	Sunday, July 29Cherry Vista (Denver, CO)
Sunday, July 15Columbine (Denver, CO)	Wednesday, August[open]
Wednesday, July 18Southfork (Southfork, CO)	Sunday, August 5Columbine (Denver, CO)
Sunday, July 22Rye (Rye, CO)	Wednesday, August 8Columbine (Denver, CO)
Wednesday, July 25Columbine (Denver, CO)	Sunday, August 12Ripon (Ripon, CA)

