

We printed these on pretty paper, sorry you won't see that!

Dear Friends and Family,

It is hard to believe it is December already. Each month seems to fly by now that we have Elizabeth. She is 10 months old and cruising along; her new favorite past time is standing up and walking along the edges of furniture. It has been so fun to play with her and hear her trying to talk to us. She says 'mama' now and is close to saying 'dada'. Each month the juggle between Elizabeth, our marriage, and ministry seems to get a little bit easier. We have learned that we need time away, and started a babysitting swap with a couple from our church small group. It has been wonderful to go on dates again. We also are continuing to enjoy our house and our neighbors, and the whole Charlottesville area. We are really excited for Christmas with Elizabeth and are looking forward to the lively family times with all the cousins.



We wanted to take some time and look back over the year and give thanks for all that God has done. So, here is a short recap of all the blessings that we are so very thankful for...

#### **Winter and Spring**

- Kelly had a fairly easy pregnancy and was able to continue ministering until February.
- For Jessie, Brian, and Josh, non-Christians that we got to minister to for the semester.
- Elizabeth being born! For a safe delivery and a healthy baby.
- For God providing student leaders for Lifelines.
- Ending the semester with Lifelines becoming an official student organization at UVA.

#### **Summer**

- For our refreshing time in Maine on the Acadia Leadership Adventure summer project.
- For Elizabeth traveling well and adjusting easily to our small cabin.
- Vacationing with the Kidd family in Tennessee.

#### **Fall**

- For starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> year at UVA, and for our staff team.
- For Kelly being able to disciple some of the Greek and Lifelines women.
- Our church small group that has couples who are in the same stage of life.
- For babysitters who enabled Kelly to be apart of Crossroads this semester.
- For all the Lifelines trips we were able to take with the Fiji fraternity.
- Elizabeth becoming more and more interactive and fun to play with.
- For Scott and Jake, the Fiji guys who are continuing to meet with John to talk about God.

As you read this list of highlights please know that this would not be possible without YOU! We are so thankful for how God has blessed us with a team of people who support and pray for us faithfully. Merry Christmas!

Love,

JOHN & Kelly