

ELLIOTTS ABROAD

COLIN AND SADIE ELLIOTT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Radically Busy April and May



April and May were spent in a whirlwind of seeing friends in the US and UK, football games, music, teaching and writing. We have only a brief pause to put together this short update and then on to all that remains unfinished!

What an incredible couple of months this has been. Rather than attempt to summarise everything in one long blurb of words, we thought it best to provide a few brief updates as to what is happening in our lives:

- **Back to the US:** We enjoyed our visit to the US this April so very much. Our days were filled (crammed might be more appropriate) with activities, friends, family and those things which are familiar to us. We are so grateful to those of you who were able to take time to see us. It meant so much to us to be surrounded by your warmth and genuine friendships. We expect it will be some time before a return visit, but we hope to savour those memories with you until our next trip over.

- **Back in the UK:** We've had visitors in the UK as well. Colin's mother came over in March, our friend Chris came down from Glasgow (where he is also working on a PhD), and our friends here were glad to see us again.

- **Football:** Colin has jumped back into football (soccer) on the church team. He's been learning the sport for nine months now, receiving a lot of help from his friends. They had two

games in April and still play every Monday night as part of a community outreach.

- **Helping out:** Several of our friends over here have had children or are about to have them. Matt and Lizzie, who lead our home group, just welcomed their firstborn, Noah, who was born premature. Colin has been able to lead the group in Matt's absence. Our friends Artur and Caitlin, also expecting a child, have been struggling to carry-out needed repairs on their house. We have been able to provide physical labour and some financial assistance to these wonderful people as Artur attempts to balance repairing their house and his responsibilities at school and work. We've learned so much about caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ whilst over here - God continues to provide opportunities for us to learn more!

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Thanks for reading!





Our friend Matt with his son Noah. Matt and Lizzie have been great friends to us, as well as mentors in our sanctification. They challenge us and encourage us in our walk with God. We are so happy for them and the son that God has given them. We made a point to pray for them twice a day, everyday, when Lizzie was pregnant because of health concerns. Noah was born healthy and is finally home with mom and dad. God is so good!

- **Moving?** We are contemplating moving across the city to be nearer to our friends and church. This would mean a job change for Sadie, which is not something that is very easy right now. She applied for a different teaching position last week and there were over one hundred and fifty applicants! However, moving would greatly reduce our commute, taxes and possibly increase Sadie's pay.

- **Outdoors:** The sun suddenly appeared in May, and so we have responded by talking walks and bike rides in the country. Colin has taken to commuting to the University by bike - a fifteen mile trek there and back.

- **Music:** Our church has just began organising worship music electronically and seeking to work out a few more administrative changes. Colin has been leading often, and has been able to help organise the songs and teams by email and the internet. He was also able to bring a few more guitars back to the UK with him to work on another album for the end of this year. His church has also asked him to help write a CD of songs from the book of Ephesians. The project will serve the body in helping them memorise scripture by putting it to music.

- **School:** Colin is undergoing his first major benchmark in his PhD. He has an upgrade scheduled for this month, where he submits his first few chapters of his dissertation and be interviewed by the subject head. He must pass this interview to stay on at Bristol and continue towards his doctorate.

- **Holiday on the horizon:** We'll be traveling up to Yorkshire with our good friends Nathan and Marge at the end of the month for a full week. We'll be taking walks in the country, visiting historic monuments and exploring the book of Hebrews together.

Hopefully this will explain our nearly did-we-drop-off-the-face-of-the-planet level of absence from the internet and email over the past two months.

But please feel free to not wait for us to initiate contact! We'd love to hear from you via email or phone. See the back page for ways to contact us!

Colin And Sadie's Recommended Reading List

We've had a lot of people asking us about devotional books for individuals and couples to read. We mentioned several of these to you, but we wanted to list these in written form so that you could remember them.

Couples

When Sinners Say I Do - Dave Harvey
Shepherding a Child's Heart - Tedd Tripp

Individuals or Couples

Trusting God - Jerry Bridges
Respectable Sins - Jerry Bridges
Why Small Groups? - C.J. Mahaney
Discipline of Grace - Jerry Bridges
Living the Cross Centered Life - C.J. Mahaney

Men

Sex, Romance and the Glory of God - C.J. Mahaney
Humility: True Greatness - C.J. Mahaney
Bible Doctrine - Wayne Grudem

Women

Lies Women Believe - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
Biblical Womanhood in the Home - Nancy Leigh DeMoss
A Woman After God's Own Heart - Elizabeth George





[Top] Sadie at Farleigh Castle. On a Sunday after church, we went on an impromptu “castle hunt” which led us around the hills and country roads near our house. [Below] This is what we’re talking about when we say that the local Wal-Mart does everything. Here are brochures for credit cards, loans, life insurance, car insurance, banking, trust funds, pets, gas, electricity, car breakdown recovery, cell phone plans, internet and so on...





This was the theatre on opening night at 8:00pm for the new Star Trek film. Nowhere near as many people can afford to watch movies in the UK, as this picture illustrates.

How to Contact Colin and Sadie in the UK

There are many ways for our friends and family in the US to keep in touch with us:

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