



(Christmas 2005 with Grandma Chu)

At the beginning of 2006, work on the master bath was completed and our whole family bought in-line skates. Josiah skates best. Winnie prefers using her new "comfort bike" (on a borrowed 'trainer'). The guys challenge themselves jump-roping; one night, they did a cumulative total of more than 1000 jumps!

Andrew, now in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, learned to tie his shoelaces, and is reading chapter books. Josiah finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade, surviving the long hike and varied activities at a two-day class field trip to Fossil, Oregon, and later successfully building and launching his first rocket this spring.

Grandma Mu Lan got her green card (!) and she and Grandpa enjoyed their first cruise together this year.



(giant chess)



(first trophies)



(thigh-deep in sand)

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GUESS !

1. Whose idea was it to invite the neighbors to an outdoor film showing outside our garage of "The Story of Jesus for Children" on Halloween night (in what turned out to be 30°F weather)?

2. This summer, Winnie:

- a) went after a younger guy;
- b) broke a bone;
- c) overdosed on fun and exercise;
- d) became a bootlegger;
- e) all of the above.

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TO:

The correct answer to Q.2 is "e." At a church family retreat in early June, Winnie ran to tag a boy in "Capture the Flag" and ended up in a shallow ditch with a fractured ankle.

So, while Josiah got promoted from Level 2 to Level 3 swimming and



Andrew learned to ride his bike without training wheels, Winnie spent the summer graduating from a white cast to a black boot.

She now knows firsthand the challenges and resourcefulness of disabled people. She is so thankful for all the people who provided rides until she could drive again.

Her learning to walk again can be likened to learning how to live life God's way.

Josiah overcame his nervousness to make phone calls and also to sell items for a school fundraiser. His summer highlights: a week-long K'nex® Robot science camp and his 10th birthday party (go to our website for "ten" games). Imagine—he'll be in middle school next year!



Andrew's "biggies" in 2006: **Prayed to let Jesus be "boss" of his life**; went with Josiah to their first fishing derby and caught his first fish, a rainbow trout; **won a trophy in each of his first two chess tournaments,**



and became a Tiger Cub in Cub Scouts.

Having finished one round trip on the Bible Bus (see [www.ttb.org](http://www.ttb.org)), Winnie joined Bible Study Fellowship this fall. Studying the book of Romans, she's reminded that we are all helpless slaves to sin unless we believe God sent Jesus to set us free through His death on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. What an amazing gift!

Gilbert coached soccer for the first time (Andrew's team). He continued coaching Josiah's school's chess club and assisting in scholastic programs (MATHCounts, Science Bowl and Engineers' Week).

We and another family of four started a small group in Kennewick this year. We're learning from Chip Ingram's

"Effective Parenting in a Defective World." The first lesson was about 'modeling;' "We need to be the kind of people we want our children to become." (Go to [www.lote.org](http://www.lote.org).)

In case you're wondering, it was Winnie's idea to show the film, and Gilbert was wonderfully supportive. We may try again when it's warmer. ☺

With love and warm wishes for a blessed Christmas and 2007!



Gilbert & Winnie, Josiah & Andrew