

2006 is flying by and this letter was begun as a "snail mail" Christmas letter and then a Happy New Year's letter, but what better time to send a letter and an update to those we love than Valentine's Day!? We hope you had a great 2005 and are enjoying 2006 with lots of time spent with those you love.

2005 was a big year for the Dittmans. In May, Sarah graduated from TCU with a B. A., majoring in Art History, though her real major was Young Life. The whole family ventured to Texas and grandmother Ginny Dittman, fiancé Josh Kibler, and friend Jesse Truax came as well. Tearful goodbyes were plentiful and it was hard to believe it had been four years since we dropped off our baby in Fort Worth, one hot day in August 2001. We are proud of Sarah for all her hard work and so grateful to God for the wonderful friends she made in Texas.

In June, Scott and I ventured to St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It was our first time back to the Eastern Caribbean since we met as Peace Corps Volunteers there in 1975. The picture below shows us after our five-hour trek up and down Mt. Soufriere, an active volcano on the northern end of the island. Plans are underway to return to SVG in July 2006 to work at a Vacation Bible School at the Kingstown Evangelical Church. While there we will also lead some volleyball games in Rose Place, an area of outreach for the Church, and supply and set up a Church and community library. All of you are welcome to join us on this mission trip! I will be sending out more details on this soon and you can access a PowerPoint presentation about St. Vincent and the trip on our web site which is listed below.

The BIG event of the year was Sarah's wedding to Josh, her high-school sweetheart. The ceremony was held outdoors at Skylark on the Blue Ridge Parkway and the reception was held under a tent at Castle House on Washington and Lee's back-campus. The weather cooperated and it was an incredible couple of days. The newlyweds are residing in Lynchburg where Josh is a philosophy student at Liberty University and Sarah is working at "Interiors by Moyanne" as an interior-design consultant.

Clay is home as a junior at RCHS this year after a year of boarding school and Griffin is in her third year at U.Va. double majoring in studio art and religious studies. Griffin is also serving as a Young Life leader at the Miller School and worked as the assistant volleyball coach there this fall. Scott traveled to Italy and Germany this year for work and is currently enjoying playing his trombone in the community orchestra. I am working as a tutor for Rockbridge County Schools, teaching SAT Prep classes and spending an inordinate amount of time making arrangements for the trip to St. Vincent and the Grenadines in July.

Thanks to all of you who stay in touch through e-mails, cards, letters, or visits. May God Bless You All.

More pictures are available on the Web at home.wlu.edu/~sdittman/.

Love, The Dits

