

IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR OF CHANGE FOR THE BEEBES!



DAVID, JAXON, AND JAMES WALKING TOGETHER INTO THE FUTURE!

We, James and Maria, moved from Spokane to Portland on September 1, also our 43rd wedding anniversary! This was a difficult move since we had to sort out decades of accumulated stuff that had expanded to fill up the larger Spokane house but could not fit into the smaller and equally beautiful Portland house. We have plenty of room for guests. beebe@gonzaga.edu or maria.beebe@gmail.com

We have been checking out Portland's best happy hour deals, farm to table restaurants, and asking if our chicken led a happy life and if our salmon had run wild. And, please take careful note -- no tree was sacrificed just so it could grace our living room and be decorated with memories of past Christmases. Our Christmas tree is live, was delivered in a big pot and will be picked up by January 2 and re-planted in a watershed!



OUR FAVORITE BOOKSTORE



PORTLANDIA CHRISTMAS TREE



"HONORED CITIZENS" AS CERTIFIED BY THE BUS COMPANY

Ligaya writes: "The highlight of 2013 was definitely marrying Steve Frediani, the love of my life, my partner in crime and the newest addition to the Beebe clan. Steve and I got married on July 6. We felt so very fortunate and grateful to see all of our family members and loved ones. Our parents threw us a fantastic wedding and gorgeous reception. Despite the heat, we laughed at low flying planes with poorly timed advertisement banners, exchanged vows by the sea, danced the "Chicken Dance" and did not fall down in our ridiculously high heels. (Steve wasn't wearing heels.) That weekend will be a touchstone for me as I go through my life with Steve by my side. It is a symbol of our love and of the tireless support of our family members. 2013 also brought Steve and I to a new chapter in our lives in China. We moved to Dali, Yunnan, a charming tourist town flanked by mountains and a long, ear-shaped lake."

JAXON CELEBRATED HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 21. AS RINGBEARER FOR LIGAYA AND STEVE'S WEDDING, HE WAS CARRIED BY MOM ELISA.

Second Retirement for James

James retired as a Foreign Service Officer in 1996 and we moved from Pretoria, South Africa to Spokane where he assumed a position as a professor in the Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies at Gonzaga University. James retired in May. He is still advising a couple of students who are completing their doctoral dissertations. He is revising his book on Rapid Assessment Process and guest lectures at Portland State University.

Go Slow for Maria

In May, Maria completed her assignment as an independent contractor for Deloitte that took her back to Kabul for short visits. She participated at the Afghanistan country workshop and presented a paper on MOOCs, m-learning and other digital resources at the WSIS summit in Geneva.



LIGAYA & STEVE

"WE STARTED WORKING FOR SHAMBALA FOUNDATION, A SMALL INTERNATIONAL NONPROFIT WORKING ON ACCESS TO EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR RURAL CHILDREN IN CHINA. STEVE AND I HOPE TO SPEND AT LEAST A FEW YEARS IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM AND TRYING OUT INNOVATIVE WAYS TO GENERATE INCOME FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE (AND OURSELVES!)" LIGAYA.



DAVID, ELISA & JAXON

DAVID IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A CAREER CHANGE, OPTING TO BECOME AN EDUCATOR AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MORE QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY. ELISA CONTINUES TO WORK AS A SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST. BOTH CONTINUE TO DO AIKIDO AND JAXON LOOKS FORWARD TO GOING TO THE DOJO, THE AIKIDO CENTER, WITH MAMA & PAPA.



JAMES & MARIA

JAMES STANDING-BY AS MARIA ACCEPTS A FILIPINA WOMEN'S NETWORK 2013 GLOBAL100 AWARD -- MOST INFLUENTIAL FILIPINA WOMEN IN THE WORLD. MARIA HAS RESTRUCTURED GLOBAL NETWORKS AS A NONFORPROFIT CORPORATION TO INCLUDE JAMES' CENTER FOR RAPID QUALITATIVE INQUIRY. THEY STAY BUSY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AT SENIOR FIT, FIRST UNITARIAN, AND, AS HONORED CITIZENS, THEY GO PLACES USING PORTLAND'S AMAZING PUBLIC TRANSPORT.