


Welcome to my world.

There is too much to say about our big news. To boil it down, we now live in Boise, Idaho. Not Illinois, Not Iowa...yes, Idaho. This is where Monty was raised from age 2 through 15. To find out how and why we are here, you have to visit www.MontyMoreland.com and read all about it. 

Life with a Teenager!

In August Kendall turned 13! What a blessing he is to our family! He takes such good care of his little sisters (of course he also teases and bugs them). Life with a teenager and a toddler keeps us on our toes!

Winter by Abby Moreland

Beautiful white snow shimmering in the light.

I love snow it is a pretty sight!

Making snowmen and sipping hot chocolate is a delight.

Abby misses her friends in Montgomery, but has found many new friends here in Boise. She has been writing a serial story that has been posted regularly in the kitchen.



The Big MG by Mattie Grace

I am 5 years old. I am learning to read and write. I like my new friends Lilly, Jasmine, Payton, Jackson, Avery and India. I like the snow. It snowed twice. Our new house is big, it has stairs. I share a room with my sister, Amelia. I like playing games with Grandpa and Grandma.

Love

Amelia turned two in July and she is so fun! When we first moved she really missed home and Uncle Bubba, Aunt Melinda, Macy, Chandler, Mally and baby Carter. The other day we were playing Go Fish and I whispered to her, "Say Go ____" and instead of her saying Go Fish she said "Go Boise State Broncos!".

Home again

In August Monty started work at Boise State University. We arrived and he started work exactly 3 weeks after the job offer. So, the transition was fast and only possible because Dad and Mom invited us to move in with them here in Boise. We lived with them from August 25 through November 2. Our home sale in Montgomery closed on October 25. We were "homeless" for 7 days until our home purchase here closed on Nov 2. The final step in our transition was moving all of our belongings out of Dad and Mom's garage and into our new home. God blessed us with a home that met all the needs and even all the realistic "would like to have's" we set in our search. There is enough room for each of the kids to have a room, but Mattie Grace and Amelia share a room. There is a special home school room. Mari Beth loves the open kitchen and dining room. Evidence of God's blessing and kindness are all through our transition.

Family Reunion

In April Monty's family met in Pensacola, Florida and his Aunt Iris and Uncle Bob graciously hosted us in their home while they camped in their travel trailer in their back yard. We had an awesome time playing games, going to the beach and many late night visits.

Welcome to my world II (New additions!)

Mari Beth's nephew Chandler and his wife Mally had baby Carter in January. We enjoyed the first 7 months of his life while we lived in



Montgomery and we will always treasure those memories and look forward to the next reunion.

We are also thrilled that Monty's sister, Monica, has added Shannon to her/our family. She is a senior this year in California where they live. We are excited to get to meet her at Christmas and have her join in our family festivities.

Monty's sister, Malisa and her husband Paul, were blessed with a new son, Caleb Paul Williams, in September. We can't wait to see him for the first time on Dec. 23.

An Army of two nephews.

Mari Beth's nephew, Morgan, joined the Army in August and graduated boot camp in November. President Bush spoke at his graduation! We are so proud of him. He is in Virginia now and we are anxious to see where he will be stationed and what opportunities come his way. Morgan's brother, Jordan, has been in the Army, was in Iraq for 1 1/2 years and is now stationed in Hawaii. We are also proud of him and the sacrifices he is making for our freedom.

Picture by Mattie Grace



Snowman, Mattie Grace, Dad, Mom, Amelia, Kendall and Abby

Moving to Idaho By: Kendall

Wow! Moving to Idaho was long but fun. It took us about three and a half days to get there from Alabama. So much has been going on us moving during birthday month, trying to find a house took a long time. Man then unpacking all the boxes from the move wow! That took a long time too (I mean we are still not done with some boxes that we have started unpacking). But it was fun moving we had movies, games, music, and sleeping ahh. When we moved we didn't do much but then I started Greek then we went to P.E. then some more classes. We found a home church that we really like and it is fun to go to because there are some kids there that are Mattie graces, Amelia's, and Abby's age. They have two boys (they are the oldest) and two they adopted from china (they are the youngest). Oh yeah and when Abby and I got our boxes it was like an early Christmas (oh yeah two of them). Well I better stop writing before I go crazy and write so much it won't fit on our letter.

Greek By: Kendall

This year I started taking Greek from my grandpa. We started out learning the alphabet let me show you αβγδεζηθικλμνξοπρστυφχψω. That was pretty hard but now I can say it in about 5 seconds. I can't really remember when I started Greek but I know it was a little after we made it to Idaho. My average is a 94 but it might be a 93 after the exam. I have made about 15 one hundreds in Greek throughout the semester. I guess that is all I have to write about Greek.

Blessings Like Wine Pouring off the Mountains

Monty was reading the book of Amos during an especially discouraging point in the job search. God encouraged him with the end of the book and it became our theme scripture for the transition. Read the end of Amos 9 starting in v 11. Below is just a snip that will fit on this page:

"Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills. I'll make everything right again for my people Israel."

This is exactly what happened to us... and our heads are still swimming.