



The Herness Headlines



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Still Trying To Make A Living...



Zac continues to work for Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) and was promoted to Consultant this year, after celebrating his 2-year anniversary with the company in June. He is still at Retek, a client in downtown Minneapolis specializing in retail management software solutions. Zac took advantage of an opportunity to travel to the Philippines this fall, will spend a total of about 14 weeks there from October to January, returning in the middle for a few weeks over Christmas.

Cari Now Works for Bill Gates!



Last December, Microsoft Corporation announced plans to acquire Great Plains. In

April 2001, the acquisition was complete and Cari officially became an employee of Microsoft. Cari continues to work for the Microsoft Great Plains Business Solutions division in market research. She just celebrated her 4-year anniversary with the company in October. Cari enjoys all the challenges her job entails, she is learning new things every day, and loves working from home!

The Big Move



After spending many weekends in the spring going to open houses and driving by neighborhoods, Zac and Cari



finally found a home. They purchased their new home on June 13 and officially moved in on June 17. The couple is enjoying home ownership to the fullest and their door is always open for family and friends. Their new address is: XXXXX XXth XXXXXX XXXXX, Plymouth, MN 55446.

Up North!

The Hernesses spent quite a bit of time on the North Shore of Lake Superior again this year. Memorial Day weekend was a 3-day backpacking trip near Silver Bay, MN with Zac's cousin Cory and his girlfriend, Devina. In the fall, Labor Day weekend provided beautiful weather for a 4-day trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) with the



Dukarts and the Jacksons, who are friends from college. In mid-summer, they reserved a group campsite at Gooseberry Falls State Park and met up with a bunch of friends for a weekend of camping and hiking. It was so hot the whole group swam in icy cold Lake Superior!!!

The Philippines & "Down Under"



In October, Zac departed for a 2 1/2 month project in Manila, the Philippines. Fortunately, the project was well-staffed and provided ample time to enjoy the city and surrounding area. Manila has a busy nightlife scene and lots of live music, in addition to some spectacular beaches elsewhere in the Philippines. Zac and some co-workers and friends took trips to the island of Boracay and El Nido on the island of Palawan. They also did some short day trips around Manila, including the Lake Taal volcano and Corregidor Island, which is preserved as a World War II memorial.



In late October, Cari was able to visit Zac in the Philippines for two weeks. During Cari's visit, the

couple took in some nightlife in Manila, went to a beach near Nasugbu, and went on a trip to Sydney, Australia! They saw much of the city in 5 days, including the Opera House, Taronga Zoo, a harbour tour ferry ride, some time on Manly Beach along the ocean, shopping at the The Rocks Market, and a wine tour of the Hunter Valley region North of Sydney. Pictures from these trips can be viewed at this website: <http://photos.yahoo.com/cherness>.



Cari & Zac in Sydney, Australia with the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the background.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Zac and Cari would like to wish everyone a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!



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