

Merry Christmas



KATHERINE & CODY 7.14.2023

and a happy New Year!



THE 2023-2024 FOCUS ALUMNI TEAM



JOINING US IN APRIL 2024

WITH LOVE, THE EBY FAMILY

Dear friends and family,

What a year of transition! New job, new home, new marriage, new church, and all of it a blessing after a long season of waiting. I'm excited to share the Eby family 2023 review!

I (Katherine) still work for FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students). I moved from being a campus missionary at Michigan Tech to a remote marketing specialist role with the Alumni team in June. I now serve 70,000 program alumni via social media and event planning. Outside of work, a book club with friends and trying new recipes keeps me busy.

Cody entered his second year at Connor Sports as a manufacturing process engineer, making hardwood basketball courts. He's found that shooting delicious-tasting woodland critters and watching Bishop Barron with a new friend have been good leisure after long hours installing and programming a new factory line this fall.

We settled into our new home in the Upper Peninsula in July, about 1.5 hours in all directions from close friends. We're teaching Confirmation class at our church, and making friends (no small task in our remote town of 3,000). Life has slowed down significantly, and we appreciate it.

The Stevenson family continues to love life in Minnesota. Mom still works with the University of Minnesota Extension and 4-H, including taking teenagers to a national conference in DC. Dad got his other knee replaced this fall, after completing a summer garden overhaul and woodworking projects. Danny (28) continues teaching at a private Christian school in the Twin Cities, spending his free time at the local swing dancing scene. Ben (23) graduated from the U of M in May and works in downtown Minneapolis as a marketing analyst. Andy (20) is a junior in college studying pastoral studies and theology, and thriving in his church community. The boys took a summer camping trip to the Great Smoky Mountains, and enjoyed the scenery and the barbecue.

The Eby families had a steady year. Dad and Harriet enjoyed a visit from us in May, and got to spend quality time at their northern Michigan cabin. Dad's painting business keeps him busy, but he gets away to help us with home projects. Mom continues to work in home health care, professionally and personally as she cares for her mother. The year was colored by sad losses of family members, including our uncle Mike and cousin Kathryn.

A highlight for both our extended families was our wedding on July 14. We were surrounded by many loved ones and knew we carried with us the well-wishes of those unable to make it. If you want a peek at our wedding photos, check out our album: tinyurl.com/kcebywedding

2023 has been a whirlwind, but we're even more excited for the changes 2024 brings. Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas season!

All our love,

Katherine & Cody Eby (and our growing baby boy, due in April)