

merry christmas from the haas'

It may have been hard to keep track of us this year, don't worry. It was hard for us too!

Starting in January we were living across the state from each other. Between wedding planning, dress shopping, multiple bridal showers, orientation for the upcoming mission trip, being an RA, and trying to see her fiancé, Katie stayed busy enjoying her last semester living on campus and signing her name as Katie Rogers at UW-Eau Claire.

Noah, on the other hand was enjoying his last semester of singleness including a relaxed schedule and a messy room. Noah was busy meeting with students, leading worship, planning their first ever spring break trip to Florida, helping with wedding plans, raising support, and keeping his fiancé calm as he worked on staff with the Navigators at UW-Whitewater.

Summer rolled around and Katie was the maid of honor in one of her best friends' wedding, while Noah stood up in two of his friends' weddings. Always the groomsman, **almost** the groom. Traveling around Wisconsin and the surrounding states while raising support for our year on staff with The Navigators, we finally were together more than we were apart.

We were then off to Siberia to get to know Russian college students and be a part of a cultural exchange camp with them. Spending the month of July in Omsk, Siberia we experienced many firsts. Katie left the United States for the first time, Noah couldn't navigate his way around, nor read the maps for the first time since Katie has met him, and they both got to see each other every day for a whole month for the first time since they started dating.

Blessed by amazing weather, August 17th marked the beginning of our lives as Mr. and Mrs. Haas. We're thankful to our family and friends who were with us to celebrate and grateful to all who have helped us become who we are today. We couldn't have asked for anything more! After a honeymoon trip to Florida and the Bahamas, we have settled in at UW-Eau Claire. Katie in her senior year of school, and working with Noah who is on staff with the Navs Campus Ministry at his alma-mater.

Moving in to our first apartment, going to our first Badger game, Katie driving stick shift for the first time and standing up in one of her best friends' wedding as Katie Haas, she is finally getting used to being Mrs. Haas in the eyes of her fourth grade students at her pre-student teaching placement. Noah spends his days preparing Bible Studies, praying and planning for our Navs ministry, meeting with some students, and with the other staff, while helping take care of the housework.

We are loving married life and are so thankful for the firsts we've experienced together this year. We pray that the first thing on your mind and in your hearts this Christmas is the birth of Jesus, our Savior who came into this world so that we may have eternal life. May the love of Christ bless you richly this Christmas.

Love, Noah and Katie

