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Amy,

I bought a new camera. It is the Kodak EasyShare V610, which just came out in May. I got it for \$405 plus \$90 for a 1 GB memory card. It is 6.1 megapixel, 10x optical zoom - "the world's smallest 10x optical zoom digital camera". I can carry it in my pocket. It uses two lenses, so the lens doesn't protrude when you zoom. What I wasn't expecting is how great it is for video. With the 1 GB card, I can record videos over a half hour long, and the picture and sound are great. And I can store 533 6-megapixel pictures. I took some movies Wednesday at a family get-together at Walt's. Debra was here for a visit. I will send them to you on a CD.

Debra and Jerry are building a new house on some flat property they own near their current hilltop home in Tennessee.

I got my new orthotics. They were kind of big for my shoes, so I had my "podorthist" shave them down a bit. I am running up to a little over 7 miles now.

Sister Cindy and I are going to take a short trip this following weekend. We will leave Carol at Dawn's in Grand Rapid and head up north and do some hiking and maybe canoeing. It is getting hard for me to find people able and willing to do any strenuous hiking.

Dad