

A Growing Family

- August 2000 - Antonio, Carmen, and Felix come home
- January 2006 - Stephen, Jacob, and Victoria come home



Whole Family
January 2006



First Meeting
December 2005



First Meeting
November 1999



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The LaRocque Family

2006
with the
LaRocques

"Thanks be to God for his
indefinable gift."
II Corinthians 9:15



2006 with the LaRocques

This year we doubled the number of our children by adopting three siblings from Oregon. We knew there would be changes!



The best part of the transition is how well all six kids get along with each other. For all intents and purposes, we've always been one big happy family! Our two teenagers are particularly invaluable with managing the little kids.

Our food bill has increased by 25%, which is less than we'd expected with how much the little ones eat! Laundry has been a nonstop river of clothes, easily piling up into mountains of dirty and clean clothes.

We've traveled to visit lots of family, and packing everybody and all our stuff into the van now requires a roof carrier and sometimes a trailer. Bathroom stops for small bladders makes for slow going.

You're more than welcome to visit our family website at www.larocque.net for photos and news.

Teenagers

Antonio (16) and Carmen (14) are maturing into capable young people. They love their little siblings, especially Victoria! They are responsible for chores like cleaning, laundry, and cooking lunches. School is still a matter of catch-up given their late start, but Antonio is really clicking with math, and Carmen can't be found far from a book.

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The middle three boys, Felix (9), Stephen (4), and Jacob (3), are nonstop dynamos of energy and activity. They love playing together, talking together, and getting into trouble together. Felix and Stephen are particularly close, and are both the family talkers. All three are very bright, and take great pleasure in getting recognized for a job well done. Felix is progressing rapidly through his school work, and Stephen and Jacob are getting the basics down pat in preschool.

Toddler

Victoria (2) is the little charmer of the family, and everybody's favorite to be with (except when her diaper needs changing). Her vocabulary is exponentially growing, and her curiosity is simply unquenchable. Victoria loves to help with cleaning up, an essential trait around here!



Pets

Animals are a large part of our lives, and the kids are learning (not always gratefully) responsibility and care. Monika is still the matriarch of the menagerie, over fellow dalmatians Encore and Cantata. Five rabbits, three guinea pigs, three ferrets, a rat, three degus (look them up!), five birds (two just born!), two housecats, and a cattery full of Bengal and Savannah cats round out the group.

Parents

Krista wonders what free time is, after a day of preschool and school, cooking, caring for her cats, managing two activity groups, creating photo scrapbooks, and keeping up with family communications.

David continues his 10 years of web application work at O'Neal, taking photos, building projects around the house, helping the older kids with homework, food shopping, teaching Bible at home and church, and ministering with music at church.

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