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In some ways Tyler and I are already on the expedition. These days as we are becoming increasingly busy with the administrative side of the expedition, we seem to be living out of our duffels bags more and more.

A few weeks ago Tyler wrapped up season working as Youth Programs Coordinator for Outward Bound. Since then he has been busy speaking at schools in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Tyler is a gifted presenter with a creative knack for connecting challenges of wilderness travel to challenges anyone may face in life.

This Wednesday, Tyler and I fly to Norway with a quick 24-hour stopover in London. After working and living 600 miles apart during the past few months, we are both looking forward to the time together. In Norway we will visit with Bergans of Norway and our other Norwegian sponsors and of course spend some good time with our Norwegian explorer friends and colleagues.

Since early October I've been at home in Chicago for only a few days. I've been criss-crossing the nation visiting sponsors, meeting with CaringBridge our charity partner, attending weddings and giving presentations. This is what my past month looked like...

Oct 4-5 Chicago. Two presentations. Does fall weather in Chicago get any better than this!

Oct 6-8 Miami, FL. Presentations Gulliver Preparatory Elementary, Junior High and High School. A very nice visit with some wonderful people. HOT and humid down there!!!

Oct 10-13 Nashville, TN. Wedding of a college friend. I learn that I don't dislike country music as much as I thought. Hot, but not as hot as Miami, thank goodness.

Oct 16-17 Monroe, CT Tyler and I visit with the great people at Victorinox. Wow, do I love this building, what a cool atmosphere to work in! A green building and a truly peaceful work environment. Fall colors are in full effect. Mornings are nice and chilly.

Oct 21-22 Minneapolis, MN Visit with the inspiring people at CaringBridge. Working with people who share our values makes for truly limitless collaboration.

Oct 22-Nov 2 San Francisco, CA Big reunion of friends in Sonoma County. A very busy work week. Good friends in California fall weather, what could be better!

Nov 3-4 Minneapolis, MN Video shoot with CaringBridge. I love my car!

Nov 5-13 Fly to London and Norway Visit with vikings. Go to the Fram Polar Ship Museum. Fram = Forward in Norwegian.