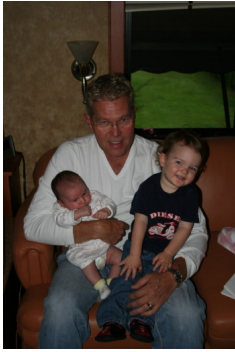


Dark, At Last

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This morning we decided to drive into Vancouver with Makai; it would be a nice outing for him and perhaps a chance for Karley to nap with Monet. She'd had another sleep starved night and napping in the daytime is a luxury she seldom gets.

First we drove to Sumas to drop off the necessary paperwork at the US customs office needed prior to importing our new motorcycle. Oh yes, I forgot to mention that...while we were in the US, we bought a new used 2003, Kawasaki Voyager...more on that later. Anyway, our trek into Vancouver from there was uneventful and Makai fell asleep about twenty minutes from our destination....Jay's underground parking downtown. It seems to be the way it works; we have a 60-70 minute drive, perfect for a decent nap but he falls asleep after we are already three quarters of the way there. Oh well, he woke up in great spirits and stayed that way for the rest of the day.

Jay was away at work but Sarah, his roommate, joined us for a walk downtown to Sears where we helped Sarah to find room-darkening curtains for their apartment. Rick brought his electric drill with him (they have few tools and none for installing curtain rods) and in just a few minutes had the curtains hanging. Finally, after over six months of living there, both Sarah and Jay have darkened bedrooms and will be able to sleep in when they want to.

This morning before we left we had Monet and Makai in the Moho while Karley was getting dressed for the day. It was a perfect opportunity to get a picture of both of our grandchildren on Grandpa's lap.