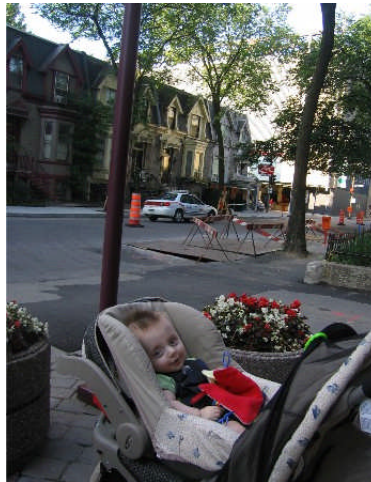


Carter, July 2007

We had great flights to Montreal and Carter got his own seat all the way! Our Shrinker picked us up at the airport and took us to do a fitting for Carter's highchair. They had measured him on our last trip so the chair was basically ready for him. From the second he sat in it, you knew it was HIS chair. He looked so proud and excited to be able to sit up so tall! They had to make some minor adjustments, do the upholstery and then we would pick up his chair a couple days later. We went to the hotel to meet up with Carter's Grandma and Grandpa Deren (Jenn's parents). They took their summer holiday out in Quebec to see the hospital and meet all the wonderful people who take care of Carter. We had another nice room at the hotel and spent time relaxing before going to the hospital the next morning.



The weather was beautiful and not nearly as hot as it was back home. Carter likes to be outside and it's nice to be able to walk from our hotel to get groceries or go to the mall.



Things were a little trickier this time getting his IV in, but of course the nurses were as gentle and patient as ever. A few minutes after everything's done, he's back to being happy and playing. He thinks that he says some pretty important things as he babbles away with a few happy screams in the middle of his conversations. We spent a lot of time in the playroom and the days passed quickly.



It is amazing how we notice the difference in Carter so soon after he receives treatment. It seems that the little something nagging at him goes away immediately. Hard to believe, but this fourth set of treatment produced the same results. He did get his first two teeth while we were there and although he chewed everything in sight, he wasn't too fussy. A high percentage of kids with OI like Carter will also have problems with their teeth. His first two look pretty good right now and we're trying to take good care of them. No more milk in bed!



We were lucky enough to be at the hospital when there was a magician. Carter sat up and watched every little thing the clown did for about half an hour. He was pretty funny and made time fly for the parents and grandparents too! At the end of the show, the magician made a dove appear and it flew right onto Carter's stroller! Good thing the clown came and got it before Carter got his hands on it!



We walked down to the Montreal Forum to go out for supper and looked around a bit. It is only half a block from our hotel and has been turned into a mall with a few stores, many theatres, and some restaurants. They still have some things around from the Forum days so Mike and Carter tried out the seats.



Everyone seemed pleased with Carter's progress once again and especially happy that he has not had any fractures lately. Since we have gotten home, Carter has started rolling over by himself. That one little arm still gets stuck under him, but we will count it as rolling over as this is a pretty big deal for us! We sure do appreciate all the little things and are so proud of Carter every day! He continues to love his new chair with its arm rests, big tray and toy bar.



Doesn't he look so grown up?!? We're heading back to Montreal again the week of September 10. Thanks again for all your thoughts and prayers!

Love,
Mike, Jennifer, and Carter