As some of you might recall, John and Debby Losse received word of graduate school acceptances via short wave radio while teaching a summer workshop for school teachers in Mubi. Flying to Rome on the same plane as Eleanor Epner, Mike Levine and Art Harvey (a non-PC friend who taught in Kano), they returned to the USA via Austria, Germany, France, England, and of course Amsterdam, to begin graduate school at UNC Chapel Hill in mathematics and French respectively. No, their hippie period was not quite over, and some Nigeria volunteers such as Mike Levine, Budd and Diane Hall and Doug Schneider managed visits to the antebellum log cabin they called home. They were also fortunate to host briefly a Katsina Teacher’s Training College student, Danjuma Saulawa, who was attending secondary school and college in the U.S.

Once graduate studies completed, Debby accepted a faculty position at Arizona State University in the Phoenix area, where John found a job teaching mathematics at Scottsdale Community College. Their two children, Kate and Owen, were born, and spending time in France became a common pattern for the family, either during the fall with students or summer travel for research or fun or both. John satisfied his creative bent by developing and marketing a computer program for graphing, affectionately called Cactus Plot. John and Debby both did stints as graders for Advanced Placement tests, with John going on to present summer AP workshops for high school teachers. At ASU, Debby taught French (including French Renaissance literature and Francophone literature from Africa) and went on to chair the language department, serve as associate dean of academic programs in the Graduate College, and serve as Dean of
Humanities for the university.

The present finds us retired in Sedona Arizona, where we have had visits from Mike and Hilde Price-Levine, Cindy and Joel Wingard, Chris and Nancy Clarkson, and Dave and Kay Keeley. Whether you like to hike, or just want to see some interesting pictographs, we would love to have you visit us in Sedona. Our kids are grown. Owen is married and was a math teacher in a charter school (the apple never falls far from the tree), then became founding principal of a charter school in Bed-Stuy in Brooklyn, and now is an assistant superintendent in his charter network. After attending grad school in English at John's Hopkins (that apple fell a wee bit farther from the tree), Kate went on to be an early employee at Facebook (she wrote a book about it), starting as tech support, moving on to overseeing various aspects of internationalization, and then to ghost writing official statements for the CEO. She is now free-lances and has written about architecture as well as gender issues in the tech world.

We will try to attach two "before" and "after" photos. See if you can tell which is which. We'll bring some Training and Nigeria photos on a thumb drive.

Come visit. We promise not to drag you out on a hike unless you want to go.

It will be good to see you.