

**Chevy Chase, Nov 10, 2013** Fresh news. Finally! My apologies to all our readers, but I have a good excuse: as you may have known already, Lucy's tour in Lisbon came to an end this summer. Well, as it turns out, this was not, by any means, a Speedy Gonzalez-type move: we left Lisbon in early Aug, and just now are we starting (repeat, starting) to regain some normalcy in our lives.

Anyway, and moving forward, yes we are back in the Washington, DC area. Let me just say that things have changed drastically around here since our last tour in town, 18 years ago...!

Family-wise, all seems to be ticking along alright: Lucy is rather busy in her new job, but she is enjoying it; Ben stayed behind in Lisbon to finish his course in culinary arts; and Filipa is now a freshman in college.

One more bit of general news: as some of you were aware, "*The Mule*" (my old faithful BMW R1200 GSAdv) didn't make it across the pond with us. Just before leaving, I found out that it would be way too complicated (and expensive) to get her legalized here in the US. So very, but very sadly, I had to part ways with her. Anyway, goods news on this front as well: my first great achievement on this side of the pond was to find a replacement for my ex-companion. ...and I am glad to report that, in late Sep, I went to Bob's BMW to pick up a brand new 2013 GSAdv. Pretty much like the old one but ...new! Looking very much forward to my 2 years here in the US.

Stay tuned. Jorge.