

A Peek through the Window for Sights and Sounds at Our Homes



30th Edition

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If you have time for only a glance, here is our family at Shirlene and Jeff's wedding on July 11, 1998.

If you have access to the Internet, you may find additional pictures for each family member's activities on SharpWebPage.com.

If you have time for a brief look, here is what we are doing now.

Howard – contract testing on Year 2000 Computer Bug (Y2K) project at GTE, digital photography and Mavica WebRing ringmaster, prodigious Y2K research, PC testing and remediation

Sharron - Apublications director@ for letters from India, children=s librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene (RCN)

Herb (29), **Jenny** (27), **Abigail** (4) and **Benjamin** (2 2) – volunteer computer trainer for Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) in northern India with Heart of God Ministries (HGM)

Shari (28) - First-grade teacher in inner-city Kansas City, Kansas; active in singles group and choir at Olathe College Church

Shirlene (26) and **Jeff Kazmaier** (29) - administrative assistant to Director of JESUS Film Partnership in Olathe, Kansas; architect with Gould Evans Goodman Associates, Kansas City, Missouri; attending Olathe College Church

Heather (24) - Training Specialist in Accounting & Financial Development at EDS, Plano, Texas; involved in many activities at RCN

If you can linger longer, here are a few of the year=s events.

Everyone except Herb=s family welcoming Howard home from Japan where he spent half of his time until May on a project for DSC Communications at DDI; hugging Shari extra as she came home for Christmas >97 from Haiti where she was teaching second grade as a Nazarene volunteer at Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince; gathering in Bethany, Oklahoma for Christmas Eve at Shirlene=s before

putting wonderful pictures on the Internet

that he took with his Mavica digital camera; keeping the Mavica Web Ring going for nearly 200 users; passing to hundreds the research he has done on the Internet regarding Y2K [For info, his e-mail address is HALbertson@WriteMe.com.]; trying new recipes for Sunday dinners at home; flying to Colorado and later driving there again when Grandma Albertson became very ill; scanning old family photos; helping get ready for two neighborhood garage sales; overworking his guardian angels during three Afender benders@ which A totaled@ two cars he was driving as people turned on a red light or stopped quickly in front of him

Sharron editing and distributing copies of letters from Shari in Haiti and Herb and Jenny in India to prayer partners [If you have an e-mail address and/or want to receive copies, please let Sharron know at SJAlb@airmail.net.]; collecting data and ads for Golden Corridor Republican Women=s yearbook and newsletters; making hundreds of phone calls before elections and events; passing out certificates Howard printed on his color printer for RCN children=s missionary book readers [Parents,

thanks for reading to and/or encouraging your children to read.]; practicing with handbell choir; surprised to receive a ADistinguished Service Award@ from RCN missions society; producing a neighborhood directory for 283 homes with twelve AMeet Your Neighbor Nights@ to help people get acquainted; flying to San Diego to celebrate with Doug and Shirley Schmidt (her sister) at his ordination in the Church of the Nazarene, taking Grandma Middleton to the special event in a lift van; thanking the Lord for protection during a long night when the car she was driving popped a spark plug and she accepted



**Front: Shari, Sharron, Shirlene, Jeff Jenny, Abigail and Heather
Back: Howard, Herb and Ben**

driving on Christmas Day to Colorado to introduce Jeff Kazmaier to Grandpa and Grandma Albertson and all the family, where the cousins skied during a blizzard while Howard did video interviews of his parents and aunt in their warm homes

Howard calling home from Japan on family conference calls and initiating family Achat sessions@ [keyboard talking] on the Internet to India (when Herb=s electricity and phone were working), Colorado, and Kansas;

help from a motorcyclist, a truck driver, and men in stores



Herb and Jenny diligently studying the Hindi language in Mussoorie, Uttar Pradesh, North India to converse with friends at the bazaar; traveling on bouncy busses, trains and jeeps to consult on computers and communications for EHA in their 17 hospitals and 23 community health programs; experiencing life with impure water, intermittent electricity, phone lines that go down, unusual foods; staying in touch via e-mail, rejoicing when a phone line finally worked in their own house; enjoying living in God=s beautiful Himalayan Mountains where they keep in shape on long walks over the hillsides; proudly watching as Abigail walked down the aisle with two other flower girls at Shirlene and Jeff=s wedding; completing their short-term commitment to EHA and coming home to work in administration with HGM [If you want to send encouraging support, their address is c/o HGM, 3720 S. Hiwassee Rd., Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020.]

Abigail and Benjamin racing to point out cows on the steep Himalayan hills, monkeys in trees for which they carry rocks ready to throw, donkeys carrying big milk jugs, chickens scratching in the plants along the trail; greeting people with a proud ANamaste!@ (Hello); picking flowers Afor Mommy,@ cautioning ABe careful, Daddy@ or hollering APoop, Mom!@ when following a donkey; enjoying time in the Aputer@ lab at Woodstock School where they can play games on the Aputer, like Dad;@ Abi smiling while asking, AAre you happy?@ missing their nanny from Oregon when she finished her year of helping them; Ben excited about calling Grandma to say AHappy Bu-du@ on her birthday; then yelling at the computer with Abigail, AHi, Grandpa,@ after the Internet phone connection finally worked

to allow conversation at the price of a local call - from India to Texas

Shari sending e-mails from Haiti about her cute second-graders who would rather perform than read, her Ateacher house@ she shared with two other fun teachers, no air conditioning, cold showers, water trucked in, three-days per week maid, pot holes, dust everywhere; singing in groups in stone churches where the acoustics were amazing; playing tour guide when Howard and Sharron visited for nine days of trips to mountains, beach, and nice hotels to counteract the culture shock, humidity and AHaitian Happiness@ Howard got from the water; pretending with Heather who was also a maid of honor to be crying on Shirlene=s train during the wedding rehearsal; settling into teaching first grade in inner-city Kansas City, Kansas where there is no playground equipment, no air conditioning and children are glad for her attention; enjoying the great sounds while singing in the choir at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene; playing unexpected pranks on her new friends in the singles group; enjoying her peaceful apartment while printing lesson plans from her laptop computer



Shirlene and Jeff spending weekends in Bethany, Oklahoma or in Olathe, Kansas after Jeff proposed last Christmas in a limousine on the Plaza in Kansas City; Shirlene being pleased to drive her car with AI said yes@ painted by friends on the rear window; doing marriage counseling and planning their elegant July 11 wedding at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene which brought friends and family from India, Italy, Haiti and many states to watch while their dads gave Amemories@ and prayed for them surrounded by the Afamily circle@ and while they cut their cakes under the canopy in the atrium as Dr. Ovid Young entertained on the piano; arriving home from Banff, Alberta, Canada with albums of beautiful pictures; thanking

the Lord for godly partners for life; celebrating when finishing 351 thank you cards to friends for thoughtful gifts [Thanks again to all who were so kind to them.]; decorating their town home and having family as house guests; Jeff transferring from the division where he was project architect on the AMC Theaters at Grapevine Mills and Mesquite to Construction Services where he is project architect or assisting on four developments in the Kansas City area; being elected to serve on the Westerfield Board of Directors; Shirlene sending e-mails around the world to JESUS Film team coordinators with a potential for three million of the ten million people who view the film in a year to accept Christ as their Savior

Heather moving from Human Resource Analyst to Training Specialist at EDS coordinating training for future managers; spending the night at DFW airport with approximately 250 people who hoped to be one of the first one hundred in line to get a trip to England on British Airways for a dollar per pound of their weight; traveling with two friends for nine days in London; later staying with Shirlene in Olathe, Kansas before she was a bridesmaid in a college roommate=s wedding; co-teaching junior high girls= Sunday School class at RCN and helping with teen Wednesday night activities as well as being a sponsor at parties, retreats, a hay ride, a camp out and caving in Carlsbad, New Mexico; serving on Sunday School Ministries Board; getting more involved in the singles= group; singing in the choir and worship team; nearly missing her surprise birthday lunch when coming home late from a teen workers= meeting; moving to an apartment with a friend from church in a complex where other singles from RCN live; helping to start a Bible study group at work; taking up roller bladeing without too many spills

We sincerely hope this edition finds you realizing God=s love in your life. We are excited about hearing from you. Please know that you are part of the Amuch@ for which we are thankful and we pray for you as we send this to you.

Your friends, the Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Shari, Heather,
Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Benjamin,
Shirlene & Jeff Kazmaier