

We hope you will enjoy “A Peek through the Window for Sights and Sounds at Our Homes.”

If you have time for only a glance, here are pictures of our family.

If you have access to the Internet, you may find our year in pictures at <http://SharpWebPage.com/99ChristmasLetterPictures.html>

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

Howard – new business development with TeleFreedom (flat rate long distance); Stratus Computer consulting

Sharron – temporary work in offices; Tele-Care and children’s librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene (RCN)

Herb, Jenny, Abigail (5), Ben (3 ½) and Celeste (2 ½ months) – temporary work and driving a school bus in Oklahoma City while generating support to work with international students on university campuses; full-time mom with three active learners and do-ers

Shari – first-grade teacher at Grant Elementary in inner-city Kansas City, Kansas; mission education secretary for her singles group and in choir at College Church of the Nazarene, Olathe, Kansas

Shirlene and Jeff Kazmaier – administrative assistant to three pastors at College Church; architect with Gould Evans Affiliates, Kansas City, Missouri; outreach coordinators for their Sunday School class at College Church of the Nazarene

Heather – sixth-grade teacher at Spring Valley Elementary in Dallas, Texas; Discipleship Ministry Action Team, teen sponsor and Sunday School assistant at RCN

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



Everyone welcoming Herb’s family home in time for Christmas 1998 when he finished his volunteer computer training for a hospital association in northern India; gathering in Oklahoma City in November for Celeste’s dedication at Lake View Park Church of the Nazarene (LVP) and Homecoming at Southern Nazarene University (SNU) where all four kids and Jenny are alumni; planning to be together in Plano for Christmas 1999; rejoicing that Howard’s mom is back at home with his dad in Greeley, Colorado after five months in a convalescent hospital; thankful that Sharron’s mom is being well cared for at Shirley Schmidt’s house in San Diego after more than five years in a convalescent hospital

Howard completing his contract testing on a Y2K project at GTE, making hundreds of calls from his home office, meeting new friends while in Atlanta and via the Internet who are involved in flat rate long distance and cell phone possibilities to save money; keeping e-groups going for Mavica digital camera users, extended family and Stone Creek neighborhood; putting on the web digital pictures of flowers at Dallas Arboretum and family at the Merklin reunion; taking Sharron with him to visit his mom when she became very ill; fixing great Sunday dinners to share with friends almost

every weekend; helping stack 500 boxes in our garage containing clothes to be shipped to the Ukraine by RCN; checking on Stratus consulting work

Sharron receiving the “Unsung Hero” award from Golden Corridor Republican Women; collecting data and ads for another yearbook and newsletters; 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; driving with a friend to Kansas City to attend the Nazarene Millennial

Celebration; flying to San Diego to help take Grandma Middleton to her granddaughter Shirean’s



graduation from Point Loma Nazarene University; organizing for Stone Creek Neighborhood another nine “Meet Your Neighbor Nights,” a Bible study and an “out to lunch bunch”; excitedly ironing her wedding dress to model in Christian Women’s Club fashion show



Herb and Jenny settling into a comfortable home in Oklahoma City, gathering their furniture from friends and family in three states; thanking the

Lord for a car donated to them as they work with international students; Herb getting acquainted with children and teens while driving a school bus; planning with Nazarene

World Mission Society Board at LVP for events to help members be aware of needs around the world; Jenny enjoying being a full-time mom, decorating their house and getting together with other pre-schoolers and their moms, thankful that Celestina Hope decided to turn from the breech position to normal birth position shortly before she was born 9/19/99 at 9 lbs., 2 oz.; 22 in.; bringing Abigail, Ben and Celeste to Plano to help the house “vibrate” with activity and laughter

Shari finding the challenges of inner-city Kansas City first-grade teaching to be heightened by reverse racial discrimination; overworking her guardian angel when her car was totaled as an elderly lady turned left in front of her; smiling from behind the wheel of a Grand Prix as she drove to Colorado, Ohio and Pennsylvania for visits with family and friends; flying with twenty-five singles from College Church on a



Work and Witness trip to New York City; organizing work projects and passing out missions books for her singles group; studying her lessons for Bible Study Fellowship; enjoying choir and great productions such as “The Victor” and “The Messiah” with Shirlene joining her (Ask Sharron for your treat if your are still reading to this point.)

Shirlene and Jeff entertaining family and friends regularly in their town home in Olathe; Shirlene assisting Ron Jackson (her former teen pastor) and two other pastors in planning events for student ministries at College Church; developing ideas on Women’s Ministries Board and as a table leader for her women’s Bible study; Jeff serving as Vice President of their town home board of directors; working at his architectural firm on projects at a car dealership, a



shopping center, two air force bases; developing plans for the JESUS Film Partnership offices and two Nazarene churches; planting lots of flowers and a bountiful garden in every inch of their yard; both calling in the homes of visitors to their Sunday School class; being challenged with 15 to 25 three-year-olds once a month on Sunday morning; traveling to Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and California (first anniversary trip) to visit family and friends

Heather getting caught in the downsizing at EDS in Plano; driving to Colorado to see family and friends; showing off a new Saturn she bought with her EDS discount; overjoyed to find a teaching position (two miles from where she was born) in an “at risk school” where she loves

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the diversity of the international student population and gives up precious time with friends to do much first-year teacher preparation; helping make plans with the RCN Discipleship Ministry Action Team; spending week-ends and evenings as a sponsor of teens from RCN and Dallas District at retreats, Sunday School, accountability groups and an exciting week at Nazarene Youth Congress in Toronto with 9,500 teens and other sponsors



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 “much” 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, Ben, Celeste, Shirlene and Jeff Kazmaier

