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We hope you will enjoy this 32nd edition of "A Peek through the Window for Sights and Sounds at Our Homes."

We sincerely hope this edition finds you experiencing God's Love in your life. We are excited about hearing from you. Please know that we are praying for you as we send this to you.

We're glad to be your friends, **the Albertsons**:

Howard, Sharron, Shari, Heather, Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste,

Shirlene and Jeff Kazmaier

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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/2000Chris tmasLetterPictures.html

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

Howard – in Boston; Stratus Computer consulting at Fidelity Investments

**Sharron** – in Plano, Texas; president elect for Golden Corridor Republican Women (GCRW)

**Herb, Jenny, Abigail** (6), **Ben** (4 1/2) and **Celeste** (1) - in Oklahoma City; projects coordinator for HR transformation team with Pro Corp at Kerr McGee; home schooling mom with three inquisitive pupils

Shari – in Olathe, Kansas; kindergarten teacher at Apache Elementary in Shawnee Mission School District, Overland Park; parttime administrative assistant at Lenexa Central Church of the Nazarene

Shirlene and Jeff Kazmaier – in Olathe, Kansas; administrative

assistant to three pastors at College Church of the Nazarene; architect with Gould Evans Goodman, Associates, Kansas City, Missouri

**Heather** – in Dallas; sixth-grade teacher at Spring Valley Elementary

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



All eleven of us bundling up to carol to neighbors in Plano during Christmas 1999; in July gathering in Colorado for Grandpa and Grandma Albertson's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; a few days later flying to Pasadena, California to each take part in Grandma Mildred Middleton's "Going Home to Heaven" celebration after her 89 years of anticipating the trip



Howard

coming home every other weekend from Stratus Computer consulting in New York City

(NYC) for eight months at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (DLJ), four months now at Fidelity Investments in Boston; thanking the Lord for help with diligent searches for housing in each location and for healing after detached retina surgery to insert a scleral buckle around his eye; keeping eGroups going for Mavica digital camera users, for extended family and for Stone Creek neighborhood; putting on the Web digital pictures of 600 boxes of clothing being shipped to the Ukraine from our garage by Richardson

Church of the Nazarene (RCN) with another 600 boxes going on a later shipment (See

SharpWebPage.c om); taking and posting digital pictures of



RCN's move to a new location; singing in a quartet with cousins at his Aunt Eva Gafford's memorial service in Colorado Springs; giving a presentation in Kansas City to Nazarenes on the Web

Sharron collecting data and ads for GCRW yearbook, another newsletters and a web site which Howard facilitated; managing a campaign for a Christian running for State Representative; lobbying at the United Nations with 300 other prolifers from around the world while Howard worked at DLJ in Manhattan; locating several hundred Pasadena Academy alumni to invite to dinner in San Diego at the time her sister, Shirley Schmidt, received her master's degree; visiting cousins in California she hasn't seen for 40 years; passing out certificates for missionary book readers as children's librarian at RCN [Parents, thanks for reading to and encouraging your

children to read.1: thrilled to be gliding down the Rhine River in Switzerlan d with Shari. Heather and new friends



from Olathe College Church of the Nazarene; publicizing ten Dallas area Life Chains to churches, crisis pregnancy centers and the media; getting lost in Boston's maze of streets while visiting Howard; cuddling a white kitty after 17 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>year-old Midnight passed away



Herb coordinating events as local Nazarene World Mission Society president at Lake View Park

Church of the Nazarene; thanking the Lord for helping his current boss to find on the Web his resume written months ago at just the time he needed to move from his temporary job at a company that was closing; mowing nine lawns for exercise and income; **Jenny** planning lessons as a full-time home schooling mom, serving healthy meals, sewing outfits for the



family, supervising "Rub-a-dub-dub, three kids in a tub," driving **Abigail** to gym classes and **Ben** to soccer practices to work off some of their energy; Abigail gently pushing Celeste on her toy car before Ben gives her "a ride to remember"; **Celeste** patiently waiting for her turn to romp with a kitty who adopted their family; **all of them** in Colorado at Thanksgiving with Grandpa and Grandma; filling Uncle Rowen's house with laughter before mountain climbing and skiing with his family

Shari sighing with relief when her



inner-city teaching position finished and she could move to a school with supportive parents and principal; making new costumes for herself and Shirlene to wear in Olathe College Church choir's "The Victor" annual Easter presentation; suffering through kidney stone surgery thankful for Shirlene's cheerful presence; joining Sharron in NYC to shop and con Howard into stopping work long enough to go to plays; inviting Sharron and Heather to go with her and 24 others from College Church on a Work and Witness trip to European Nazarene Bible College in Switzerland with fun side trips to Germany and Rome; studying her lessons for Bible Study Fellowship; tutoring and working part-time at Johnson County Library

## Shirlene

singing in choir with Shari; organizing events with Women's Ministries Executive Board and as a table leader for



in homes of

their Sunday

school class;

Sharron, on "Good

Morning.

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her women's Bible study; **Jeff** serving as Vice President of their town home board of directors and on the advertising committee for College Church building campaign; accepting awards for his architectural firm for his project at a BMW dealership; **both of them** teaching three-year-olds once a month; calling



white-water rafting in Colorado after Shirlene was a bridesmaid again; enjoying her tenyear reunion at Trinity Christian Academy; often filling their town home with family and friends

Heather loving her teaching job with many international students and an

encouraging team of teachers; helping make plans with the RCN Discipleship Ministry Action Team:



decorating for "Hats Off to Spring" ladies luncheon with a friend using their own collections of accessories; spending weekends and evenings as a sponsor of teens from RCN and Dallas District at retreats (caving in New Mexico), accountability groups, summer camps; assisting with plans for singles' events at RCN; singing in worship team and choir; flying to Dominican Republic to spend Spring Break with a college friend; moving

to a new apartment close to her school: deciphering the maps in Rome to sight-see with Sharron during their two davs the after



College Church group left

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