

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

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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 thank our God every time we think of you.” Philippians 1:3

We’re glad you are our friends,

The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Shari, Heather, Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste, and Daniel Albertson; Shirlene, Jeff and Lacie Kazmaier

If you have access to the Internet, you may find our year in pictures at

<http://SharpWebPage.com/2003ChristmasLetterPictures.html>

Here is what we are doing now.

Howard – in Plano; an independent agent for Cirro Energy selling in the deregulated electricity market in Texas; consulting with business startups in the luggage industry and in healthcare

Sharron – in Plano; past president of Golden Corridor Republican Women (GCRW); state director for Life Chain

Herb, Jenny, Abigail (9), Ben (7 1/2) Celeste (4) and Daniel (19 months) –



in Boston, bursar at Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) in charge of student accounts; home school mom and Usborne Books at Home rep; four enthusiastic and inquisitive learners

Shari – in Olathe, Kansas; kindergarten teacher at Apache Elementary in Shawnee Mission School District, Overland Park, Kansas

Shirlene, Jeff and Lacie Kazmaier (2) – in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom, Usborne Books at Home rep; project manager with Eby Design Group; cheerful toddler

Heather – in Choctaw, Oklahoma at Heart of God overseas Boot Camp

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

All of us together for Christmas 2002 in Olathe, Kansas with lots of



squealing from tiny cousins; looking forward to Christmas 2003 together in Plano

Howard assisting commercial and residential accounts to save surprising amounts of money on their electricity, pleased to be in the top 15 percent in sales for Cirro Energy [See web site CirroAgent.info]; doing legal research on-line and in web conferences with countless others across the U.S.; taking hundreds of digital pictures to send to family and friends and post on the web; greeting at Richardson Church of the Nazarene; driving with Sharron to Kansas to help Jeff and Shirlene move, then on to Colorado to be with his parents in their new home in Greeley where his sister Esther and family care for them, later to Oklahoma for the Family Reunion of Sharron’s Grandmother Merklin



Sharron as past president of GCRW [See web site GCRW.org.] helping behind the scenes with fundraising, yearbook, and lots of phone calls; in her twenty-seventh year as children/pre-teen librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene passing out certificates for readers [Parents, thanks for reading to and encouraging your children to read.]; persuading Howard to help her level the back yard; organizing the block

for Crime Watch; publicizing ninety-two Life Chains across Texas and more than 950 across the U.S. and Canada during several scary interviews on radio networks, sending e-mails until early morning hours to friends, churches and national organizations [See web site LifeChain.net and October Citizen magazine.]

Herb representing ENC in NYC, Baltimore and D.C.; improving student accounts processes; taking one of his older three children each week for a much anticipated cafeteria lunch with Dad; commissioner for YMCA children’s basketball league for Abi and Ben and assistant soccer coach for Ben; facilitating a dad’s group at



Wollaston Church of the Nazarene; **Jenny** coordinating a home school group of 16 families; taking a course toward her Master's; teaching a monthly children's mission class, co-coaching children's quizzing; enjoying Mom's Bible Study and



monthly ladies' nights out; **Abi** as a third grader playing basketball, reliving Genesis and Exodus in children's quizzing; after having four seizures on one morning visiting the neurologist who confirmed a slowness typical of mild cerebral palsy; giggling during her therapy (speech, occupational, and physical); **Ben** as a second grader learning all the positions in soccer during spring and fall leagues with forward as his favorite; exploring nature, riding his bike; receiving a silver award at the children's Regional Quiz at ENC; **Celeste** as a pre-schooler loving doing school like her siblings; enjoying singing; surprising her mom by writing her name and quoting scripture she has heard Abi and Ben saying; sighing in her quite spirit to the babysitter, "I love Jesus." **Daniel** as an exploring toddler tasting and chewing on everything with his mouthful of teeth; charming all with his smiles and hugs; keeping up with his siblings in wrestling and tickling matches; staying in tune while singing with Abi

Shari during her twelfth year of teaching planning lessons for kindergartners as well as grading projects and finals for college students in her Reading and Language Arts



class at Avila University; singing with Shirlene in choir on Sundays as well as in "The Victor" and "The Living Christmas Tree" at College Church of the Nazarene; enjoying cute kindergartners in her Sunday School class; thankful for a more dependable '98 GMC Envoy; skiing with friends in Colorado; teaching summer school; taking a "girls" trip with four friends to Gulf Shores, Alabama; catching up with good friends in Texas at her Trinity Christian Academy fifteen-year reunion; enjoying Ladies' Bible Study; going out often with friends; loving quality time with her niece, Lacie

Shirlene thankful to be a stay-at-home mom seeing the world in a wonderful new light through the big blue eyes of a 24-month-old; spending



time with other moms and their children; singing in the "Victor" and the "Living Christmas Tree"; acting in the film for the "Living Christmas Tree" with Shari; being secretary for the Women's Ministries Committee; **Jeff** enjoying landscaping the yard at their new home; serving on the prayer committee for College Church of the Nazarene (CCN); flying to Indiana, Illinois and Texas for Eby Design Group which has more than doubled in size this year; **both of them** organizing new member receptions for CCN and a pictorial directory as Care Group leaders for their Sunday School class; attending men's and women's Bible studies; **Lacie** surprising her parents by saying the alphabet at 18 months, repeating every word they say, loving books,

"dancing" to music, pretending with her stuffed toys, excited to play "chase" and climb on Daddy, pointing out familiar landmarks while riding in their van, spelling "L-A-C-I-E" and reading it before her second birthday

Heather

enjoying her final year of teaching sixth grade in Dallas at Spring Valley Elementary (SVE) and Pre-Kinder Summer School; taking trips to Mexico and Kansas to see family; preparing to leave for Oklahoma to attend Beautiful Feet Boot Camp (BFBC) at Heart of God Ministries, scaling down her belongings and finding a home for Zorro, her beloved fox terrier; temporarily moving in with Mom and Dad; substituting at SVE before saying a short-term good-bye to the wonderful people at the Heights Lighthouse at Park Plaza (apartment ministry) in October, knowing she'll be back in April 2004; training at BFBC to go overseas, learning a LOT and growing spiritually



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Always smiling **Happy** and skittish yet cuddly **Kitty** declaring a truce

We really appreciate your friendship and we pray God's Rich Blessings for you and yours throughout the coming year.