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

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We hope you are experiencing God's Love in your life. We look forward to hearing from you. You are in our prayers as we send this to you.

“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.” Psalm 20:4

### The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Shari, Heather, Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste, and Daniel Albertson;

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie and Andrew Kazmaier

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

<http://SharpWebPage.com/2004ChristmasLetterPictures.html>

**If you have time for only a glance,** here is what we are doing now.

**Howard** - in Plano; an independent agent for Cirro Energy selling electricity in the deregulated market

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

**Herb, Jenny, Abigail (10), Ben (8 ½) Celeste (5) and Daniel (2 ½)** - in Boston, bursar at Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) in charge of student accounts; home school mom; four enthusiastic and inquisitive learners

**Shari** - in Olathe, Kansas; kindergarten teacher at Apache Elementary, Overland Park, Kansas

**Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (3) and Andrew (6 weeks) Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; project manager with Eby Design Group; precious big sister; cute baby boy

**Heather** - in New Delhi, India; volunteer at a children's home with Heart of God Ministries



**All of us** together for Christmas 2003 in Plano, Texas. Front: Herb's children: Celeste, Abi, Ben; Middle: Herb's wife Jenny, Shari, Sharron, Heather, Shirlene; Back: Herb, Daniel, Howard, Shirlene's Lacie and Jeff Kazmaier

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

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**Fourteen of us** looking forward to Christmas 2004 together in Olathe, Kansas and missing Heather in India



**Howard** assisting commercial and residential accounts to save surprising amounts on their electricity with Cirro Energy [<http://CirroAgent.info>]; doing legal research online 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; driving with Sharron to Greeley, Colorado to celebrate the home-going of his mom, Alice Albertson, in July with Howard, Sharron, Herb, Shari, Shirlene and many members of the extended family taking part in the service; updating <http://LifeChain.net> with information Sharron collected

**Sharron** as past president of GCRW [<http://GCRW.org>] and committee liaison helping behind the scenes with yearbook updates and lots of phone calls; organizing a coffee at our house for US Representative Sam Johnson and working in a number of successful campaigns for local, state and national candidates; in her twenty-eighth year as children and pre-teen librarian at Richard-

son Church of the Nazarene passing out certificates for readers [Parents, thanks for reading to and encouraging your children to read.]; publicizing 105 Life Chains in Texas and more than 1100 across the U.S. and Canada, sending e-mails during late nights to friends, churches and national organizations about this annual pro-life, prayer event on the first Sunday of October

**Herb** hosting all three sisters in Boston on separate visits; enjoying helping students at ENC; taking Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy classes; church commissioner for YMCA children's basketball league; counseling Ben's cabin at District Primary camp; wrestling and tickling his four active kids; **Jenny**



leading a home school group of 16 families; postponing her Master's degree classes; teaching monthly children's missions classes and co-coaching quizzing; enjoying Mom's Bible Study; directing Tadpole section of summer camp; packing and unpacking two homes in two months to prepare for lead remediation; **Abi** in fourth grade, trying spring softball and fall soccer; pulling many baby teeth to get ready for "parent teeth"; growing in height; attending her first church camp; relishing her therapy classes at the local public elementary school; adjusting to life on seizure meds; **Ben** in third grade, playing spring baseball and attending ENC's summer baseball camp; excelling at all positions in soccer; calling friends to play when "home" school is finished; continuing to sing his cabin's song from church camp; **Celeste** in kindergarten, reading three-letter words, enjoying school time with Mom; doing a great job of directing Daniel in play during the school day; loving fall soccer; **Daniel** full of two-year-old energy, repeating almost everything he hears; proud of learning to jump with two feet; going beyond his cheesy smile to making funny faces (even during prayer with his eyes closed)

**Shari** developing lessons for kindergartners during her thirteenth year of teaching; becoming engaged to Eric Earhart, a pastor from Gatesville, North Carolina; [[http://weddings.the-knot.com/pwp/view/co\\_details.aspx?coupleid=3233369792322500&guestpassword=](http://weddings.the-knot.com/pwp/view/co_details.aspx?coupleid=3233369792322500&guestpassword=)] planning a July 1, 2005 wedding at Olathe College Church of



the Nazarene (CCN); singing with Shirlene in choir on Sundays as well as in "The Victor" and "The Living Christmas Tree"; skiing with friends in Colorado and participating in Grandma Albertson's funeral service; enjoying cute kindergartners in her Sunday School class; teaching summer school; visiting Herb and Jenny in Boston, then Eric and his family in NC and Virginia; benefiting from Ladies' Bible Study and Stephen Ministry training; going out often with friends; bringing Eric on his first trip to Plano for Thanksgiving

**Shirlene** happy for another year as secretary for College Church of the Nazarene (CCN) Women's Ministries



Committee, attending Ladies Bible Study, working as Missions Coordinator for "Knowing MOMS" (Knowing Myself, Others, and My Savior); singing in choir with Shari in the "Victor" and the Billy Graham Crusade where Jeff was an usher and counselor; **Jeff** serving as a prayer leader for Men's Bible Study and on the CCN Prayer Committee; **both of them** organizing new member receptions for CCN and social events as Care Group leaders for their Sunday School class; driving to Colorado to be part of Grandma Albertson's funeral and flying to Boston to visit Herb's family, sight-see in Maine, and for Jeff to be a groomsman in his brother's wedding in New Hampshire; **Lacie** in her three-year-old intensity parroting every word her parents say, including answering if she wanted to play with certain toys, "Well, not necessarily"; running to get a diaper or pacifier for her baby brother, asking

often to hold him; **Andrew Jeffrey** arriving on October 25, at 2:11 p.m. (8 lbs. 3 oz., 20"), hoping for world peace for Christmas (according to his mom)



**Heather** graduating from Beautiful Feet Boot Camp and Orphan Training at Heart of God Ministries in Oklahoma with Cultural Immersion at her Aunt Mary's mission organization in Mexico; substitute teaching at Spring Valley Elementary in Dallas; scaling down her belongings to leave in Plano; spending time with friends and family in Olathe, Boston, Washington, D.C., Colorado and Oklahoma before flying with three friends in July to New Delhi, India where she is volunteering at Emmanuel Children's Home, teaching English and Social Studies to very bright 11- to 17-year-olds; trekking in the Himalayas for an extra adventure; planning to move in January to Mumbai (Bombay) with her team to help start a "training orphanage" for Indians and Americans to learn to care for orphans in a third-world country [To be added to her e-mail update list, please send her your e-address.]



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Always smiling **Happy**, our low-rider Lab, allowing cuddly **Kitty** to "psyche" him off his kitchen rug

We appreciate your friendship and we pray God's rich blessings on you and yours throughout the coming year.