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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 Amaging Grace in your life. We look forward to hearing from you. You are in our prayers as we send this to you because we know you

have had challenges in your life this year as we have.

## The Albertsons:

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

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

http://SharpWebPage.com/ 2005ChristmasLetterPictures.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 (11), Ben (9 ½) Celeste (6) and Daniel (3 ½) - in Boston, bursar at Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) in charge of student accounts; home school mom; four enthusiastic, inquisitive learners excited about a baby brother next March

**Shari and Eric Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; kindergarten teacher at T. S. Cooper Elementary; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; looking forward to a new role as parents in May

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (4) and Andy (1) Kazmaier - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; project manager with Eby Design Group; precocious big sister teaching a happy, explorer "the ways of the world"

**Heather** - in Mumbai (Bombay), India; ministering to street children with Heart of God Ministries, planning curriculum to train Indian couples to be foster parents for orphans

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

Howard assisting commercial and residential accounts to save on their electricity with Cirro Energy [http://CirroAgent.info]; working on some new business ventures; doing extensive and challenging legal research on-line and in web conferences with countless others across the U.S.; dealing with Type 2 diabetes; driving with Sharron to Greeley, Colorado to visit his dad, Herbert Albertson, and then celebrating his 45th high school reunion in Independence, Kansas; updating http://LifeChain.net and publishing a yearbook for GCRW with information Sharron collected

prayer event on the first Sunday of October; rejoicing that the Marriage Amendment passed in Texas; spending quality time outside with her flowers

Herb enjoying helping students at ENC; continuing Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy classes; wrestling and tickling his four active kids; bringing the family to Kansas for Shari's wedding and on to Oklahoma City for 4th of July fun with friends and Jenny's family; joining Jenny, Abi, Ben and Celeste in the home school group's musical; Jenny in her third year leading a home school group of 16 families; teaching monthly children's missions classes and co-coaching quizzing; enjoying Mom's Bible Study; sewing dresses for Abi, Celeste and Lacie, and



**All of us** together for Shari and Eric Earhart's wedding, July 1, 2005. Left to right: Lacie, Shirlene, Jeff, Andy Kazmaier; Shari and Eric; Abi, Celeste, Daniel, Ben in front of Sharron, Heather, Howard, Jenny and Herb Albertson

Sharron as past president of GCRW and yearbook chairman helping behind the scenes with lots of phone calls; as children and pre-teen librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene encouraging parents to read to their children – even if they can already read by themselves; looking forward to Heaven even more after visiting with Life Chain coordinators for 110 Life Chains in Texas and more than 1400 locations in 1100 cities across the U.S. and Canada, sending e-mails during late nights to friends, churches and national organizations about this annual pro-life,

vests and ties for Ben, Daniel and Andy for Shari's wedding; serving on local Sunday School Ministries board and District Nazarene Missions International council; carrying Albertson "E" due the first week of March 2006; **Abi** in fifth grade, playing spring and fall soccer; soon to be as tall as Jenny; excelling in her therapy classes at the local public school; trying new seizure meds; bell ringer with Ben at Shari's wedding; doing well in Bible verse memorization for quizzing; **Ben** in fourth grade, playing spring and fall soccer; inventive mind creating stories, lego toys, and

pictures; achieving Junior Bowsman in archery at the 18 meter range; awarded Gold at the Nazarene Children's World Ouiz at General Assembly in Indianapolis; Celeste in first grade, reading and playing with Daniel during "Dan time"; beginning quizzing and continuing soccer in the fall; flower girl with Lacie at Shari's wedding; being a "big kid" riding without training wheels; Daniel full of three-year-old energy; loving "Dan Time" with A, B and C during the home school day; finding his place as family clown complete with "sticked-up hair"; pulling a wagon down the isle carrying Andrew in Shari's wedding; wearing his bike helmet and cowboy boots even when not riding his tricycle

**Shari** finishing five years of teaching in the Shawnee Mission School District in Kansas; during numerous cross-country trips planning a July 1 wedding (on her birthday) with Eric Earhart at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene, Kansas: being overwhelmed thoughtful and generous gifts from friends: moving to Gatesville, North Carolina where she is teaching kindergartners again; Eric finishing several remodeling projects at Upper Room Assembly of God where he is the pastor, putting in a coffee bar and office area; studying for ordination, restoring an antique jeep and enjoying deer hunting; both of them excited about buying their first home; staying busy with church activities throughout the week; visiting Herb and Jenny in Boston for Thanksgiving; getting ready for the arrival of a new little Earhart at the end of May 2006

Shirlene happy to be a stay-at-home mom with its rewards and challenges; serving as College Church of the Nazarene Missions Coordinator for "Knowing MOMS" (Knowing Myself, Others, and My Savior); singing in choir with Shari; Jeff revising their landscape and garden, designing and





building a swing set/playhouse/sandbox for excited family members; serving on the Nazarene Kansas City District Properties board; **both of them** 



leading a Care Group for their Sunday School class; volunteering in Lacie and Andy's classes; entertaining the whole family in town for Shari's wedding in July; coming to Dallas for her 15<sup>th</sup> Trinity Christian Academy class reunion; Lacie with four-year-old questions: "Do spiders have ears?" "What do fish go potty in?" "How old was Daddy when he was born?" "Is God getting wet?" while it was raining; looking forward to her classes at church; Andy following Lacie everywhere with one-vear-old laughter and determined first steps, squealing while frantically trying to keep up with her; imitating words and smiling when his efforts are recognized

**Heather** ministering in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), India; spending

Christmas of 2004 with 300+ children at Emmanuel Children's Home in Delhi, India; traveling to south India for a wedding and vacation before settling in Mumbai in January; adding stamps to her passport in Nepal and Singapore; returning to the US for five weeks in July for Shari's wedding, along with a whirlwind tour of meetings and speaking engagements; taking leadership of the Children in Crisis Training Team with Heart of God Ministries, preparing for the first six-month training session for HGM'ers who are called to minister to children throughout the world; blessed to be working with numerous organizations in Mumbai meeting the needs of the fatherless, such as the Life Center - a training place for Indian believers who welcome children off the streets into their families [Please send her your e-address to be added to her update list.]

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**Happy**, rambunctious low-rider Lab, chewing holes in tin cans just for entertainment, cautiously allowing skittish **Kitty** to "bat" him into submission on a kitchen rug

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

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

