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

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We hope you can feel God's Peace in your life and a bubble of joy in your heart. You are in our prayers because we know you have had challenges this year, too. We appreciate your friendship and really look forward to hearing from you.

The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Heather Albertson, Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste, Daniel and Ezekiel Albertson; Shari, Eric and Mitch 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/2006ChristmasLetterPictures.html>

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

Howard - in Plano; independent broker for electricity in the Texas deregulated marketplace

Sharron - in Plano; Life Chain state director; Golden Corridor Republican Women (GCRW) advisory board and historian

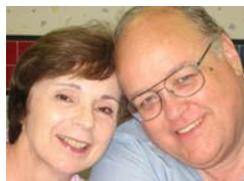
Herb, Jenny, Abigail (12), **Ben** (10 ½) **Celeste** (7) **Daniel** (4 ½) and **Ezekiel** (9 months) - in Boston, bursar at Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) in charge of student accounts; home school mom; five active and eager students

Shari, Eric and Mitch (6 months) **Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; kindergarten teacher now stay-at-home mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; happy infant “talking to the world”

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (5) and **Andy** (2) **Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; project manager with Eby Design Group; cheerful learners excited about a baby joining them in May 2007

Heather - in Mumbai (Bombay), India; ministering to street children and women with Heart of God Ministries, planning experiences for missions interns

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



Howard helping commercial and residential accounts to save on their electricity with Cirro Energy and Direct Energy; consulting 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 the challenges of Type 2 diabetes; driving with Sharron to Greeley, Colorado for his dad's 90th birthday party and again a month later for Herbert's “going to heaven” celebration where all of five of his brothers and sisters participated; updating <http://LifeChain.net> and publishing another GCRW yearbook with information Sharron collected

Sharron as advisory board member, yearbook chairman and “Volunteer of the Year” for GCRW helping behind the scenes with lots of phone calls; recruiting volunteers for two successful county election campaigns; as children and pre-teen librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene encouraging parents to read to their children for more family time – even if they can already read by themselves; spending quality hours outside with her flowers; visiting with Life Chain coordinators for 116 Life Chains in Texas and with many of the coordinators in more than 1250 cities 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 helping students at ENC; working on a Master's degree in Management; wrestling and tickling his five active kids; singing in the church choir; portraying his ancestor, Arthur Middleton, at a July 4, 1776 reenactment of signing of the Declaration of Independence; **Jenny** in her fourth year leading a South Shore home school group; teaching monthly children's missions classes and co-coaching quizzing; enjoying Mom's Bible Study; serving on local Sunday School Ministries board and District Nazarene Missions International council; **Abi** in sixth grade, proud to be as tall as Jenny;

playing spring and fall soccer, thrilled to make her first goal during their winning championship game; participating in her first year of running track and in quizzing; **Ben** in fifth grade, playing spring and fall soccer; excelling in his first year of track where he made it to Hershey State Track Meet in softball throw and 440 relay; getting into this year's history projects; inventing Lego creations and



writing stories; **Celeste** in second grade, having fun playing computer learning games and reading the Bible during school; doing well in quizzing and fall soccer; glad to be running track with her siblings; **Daniel** full of four-year-old energy; loving “Dan Time” especially when it's on the computer; being in one of the first groups to try quizzing for his age; wearing his bike helmet and riding with training wheels; **Ezekiel** making



his appearance on March 10, 2006 weighing 10 lb. 7 oz.; growing daily, being very active, constantly moving his feet, ready to crawl; entertaining himself and others with fun vocal sounds, thriving on lots of attention from his siblings; **all seven** attending summer church camp in New Hampshire; splashing in the Atlantic; sledding on snow-covered hills near their home





Shari happily retiring from teaching kindergarten to become a full-time mom to Charles Mitchell Earhart on June 1; decorating two rooms that Eric added to their home; planning training classes for teachers in their church; driving more than an hour each way to go shopping; **Eric** bringing home a deer that he shot on their property; studying for one more class before ordination; hosting his family for Thanksgiving while Heather was also in town; **both of them** involved in activities at church several nights each week; taking Mitch on an 18-day, 19-state trip to visit Howard and Sharron, family in Greeley and



Olathe, and Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota; **Mitch** discovering his toes, “talking” to the world, smiling at everyone he sees; taking his first airplane ride when three months old to Great-Grandpa Albertson’s service; giving his dad more sermon illustrations during late-night bonding sessions before he slept through the night

Shirlene glad to be a stay-at-home mom; serving as College Church of the Nazarene Co-Leader for "Knowing MOMS" (Knowing Myself, Others, and My Savior); **Jeff** making plans for home improvements; 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; visiting family in Greeley, Colorado before and after Grandpa Albertson went to be with the Lord; hiking in Estes Park; attending Cousin Randy and Joy Albertson’s

wedding in South Dakota; entertaining Eric, Shari and Mitch Earhart; going to



Oklahoma City to see Heather; **Lacie** declaring, “When Jesus comes back to earth, I’m going to give Him lots of hugs and kisses!”; asking while eating pasta shells in soup, “Are these from the beach?”; quizzing Mommy after a sonogram showed that her aunt was expecting a baby boy, “How do they know it’s a boy...because it didn’t have a bow?”; enjoying ALL her activities at church; initiating giving some of her stuffed animals to less-fortunate children; **Andy** getting typical bruises of an energetic two-year-old who loves playing outside and “wee,



wow, wosie” (ring around the rosie); being coached by Lacie to say, “I love my big sister”; speaking in sentences and making everyone laugh; wishing to be read to all day; excited about “Sesame Street,” “Winnie-the-Pooh” and “Veggie Tales”



Heather hugging children and women on the streets of Mumbai; working in slums, train stations and churches, cooperating with many wonderful



organizations; struggling with heat, flooding and third-world conditions of

filth and poverty; planning six months of experiences for American interns in



her position as team leader of the Heart of God Children in Crisis Training program including a trip to northern India where her Aunt Mary (Howard’s sister) is living; adding stamps to her passport during visa trips to Bangkok and Dubai; returning to the US for rest, meetings, speaking engagements and visits to see siblings in North Carolina, Boston and Kansas; looking forward to moving outside Mumbai where the India Life Center is being built to train Indian believers who will 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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Kitty hiding behind the dryer when the doorbell rings then “psyching” **Happy**, our rambunctious, low-rider Lab, into submission in their kitchen rug turf wars

All of us planning “cousin time” at Jeff and Shirlene’s in Olathe for a few days after Christmas

“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.” I Thessalonians 3:12

“The Lord bless you and keep you . . . and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24, 26