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

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Special friends are one of God's greatest blessings. We are thinking of you and hoping that your year has overflowed with joy and has been filled with the love of Jesus!

You are in our prayers because we know you have had challenges this year, too. Your impact on our lives is greatly valued and appreciated. We want to hear from you.

The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Heather
Albertson

Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste,
Daniel and Ezekiel Albertson

Shari, Eric, Mitch and Mandi
Earhart

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie, Andy and
Jacob Kazmaier

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

Howard - in Plano; broker for electricity in the Texas deregulated marketplace, doing legal research

Sharron - in Plano; Life Chain state director; Golden Corridor Republican Women (GCRW) advisory board, ways and means/yearbook chairman

Herb, Jenny, Abigail (14), **Ben** (12 ½), **Celeste** (9), **Daniel** (6 ½) and **Ezekiel** (2 ½) - in Sterling, Kansas; Director of Career Services at Sterling College; home school mom; four lively students and an active tot

Shari, Eric, Mitch (2 ½) and **Mandi** (14 mos.) **Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; stay-at-home mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; two energetic learners

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (7), **Andy** (4) and **Jacob** (19 mos.) **Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; self-employed architect; three gentle youngsters

Heather - in Dubai; fifth grade teacher at an American school for girls

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

Howard helping commercial and residential accounts to save money on their electricity with several electric providers: Cirro Energy, Direct Energy, Green Mountain; also helping people save on health care with AmeriPlan; doing extensive and challenging legal research on-line and in web conferences with countless others across the U.S.; dealing with increasing challenges of Type 2 diabetes; driving with Sharron to Olathe, Kansas when Cousin Lucy Crenshaw went home to Heaven; updating <http://LifeChain.net> and publishing another GCRW yearbook with information Sharron collected



Sharron making hundreds of calls as GCRW yearbook/ways and means chairman, topping last year's record amount, volunteering in several friends' campaigns for elected office; receiving a "Heritage Award" for 31 years as children and pre-teen librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene encouraging parents to read to their children – even if they can read by themselves; visiting with 125 Texas Life Chain coordinators as Texas Life Chain director and with many of the coordinators in more than 1400 cities across the U.S. and Canada, sending e-mails during late nights to friends, churches and national organizations about this annual peaceful pro-life, prayer event on the first Sunday of October

Herb moving his family from Boston



to live in their own home across the street from Sterling College (SC) in Sterling, Kansas where he is Director of Career Services, AmeriCorps Program Director, and a Servant Leadership Campus Coordinator; coaching Ben's soccer team, singing in the church choir, being a board member of Main Street Sterling, **Jenny** glad for moms' support groups in handling the challenges of home schooling four kids; coaching quizzing; teaching Celeste's Caravan class, being book lady for children's missions

at Hutchinson First Church of the Nazarene; starting as a Tupperware consultant; **Abi** in eighth grade, having fun in



basketball, piano lessons, loving children's camp as a junior counselor and middle school camp as a camper; **Ben** in seventh grade, playing soccer and basket-ball, gladly cooking meals

for the family several times a week, baking birthday cakes for everyone; **Celeste** in fourth grade, looking forward to World Quiz in Florida

next summer; enjoying reading, soccer, piano lessons; **Daniel** in first grade, in

soccer, biking around the SC campus, playing with Ezekiel and a new dog, Foster; **Ezekiel** entertaining the troops with his antics, having





fun with Duplos and puzzles, learning to express his opinions; **all the kids** making new friends in home school group and church; being ball boys/girls at SC soccer games; **all seven** thanking the Lord for protection last Christmas when their SUV slid on ice and hit a car, and for help from many Boston friends; now glad to live closer to family - especially when Jenny's dad passed away



Shari delighted to move back into their expanded home after a fire required six months of major improvements; teaching classes for girls at church; driving with her family to Dallas to be at her Trinity Christian Academy class reunion; getting ready for new little Earhart TWINS arriving in May; **Eric** continuing sermon preparation and counseling appointments while meeting with contractors; taking Mitch for rides on the mower; preaching in various churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Kansas; **Mitch** charming neighbors and church friends into playing his games, glad to be exploring in the woods behind their house with Eric, entertaining his parents with hundreds of puppet shows; **Mandi** toddling everywhere Mitch



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goes, taking chances with new experiences, abandoning concern for safety; greeting everyone she sees and giving lots of kisses



Shirlene listening to Lacie's account of her day during morning and afternoon drives to school; helping with Andy's Honeybees on Wednesday nights; pleased to be a table leader for Knowing MOMS and part of ladies' Bible study; **Jeff** starting his own architectural firm, keeping busy with multiple projects which require travel; taking his family to Cousin Tim and Brenda Albertson's wedding in the Colorado mountains; planning to remodel the basement; **both of them** teaching Lacie's Sunday school class and volunteering once each month in Andy and Jacob's classrooms; **Lacie** in first grade at Christ Lutheran School, learning the parts of speech and beginning fractions (!); having fun in Upward cheerleading, quizzing and choir at church; helping Grandma put up the Christmas decorations; **Andy** peacefully allowing Jacob to climb on his back then bucking him off with squeals of laughter; having time with Mom when Lacie is at school, pouring over all books at hand; **Jacob** chasing his siblings around their indoor "track," tolerating his car-seat during the nine-hour trip



to see Grandpa Howard and Grandma Sharron for Thanksgiving; willingly showing restraint when cautioned with a soft, "Don't touch" about fragile items at Grandma's house



Heather moving back to the US from India in January 2008 closing her work with Heart of God Children in Crisis Training program; traveling to be with siblings and friends in North Carolina, Kansas, Washington, D.C. while interviewing for an international teaching position; using her earnings at a teacher's supply store to stock up; thanking the Lord for a job teaching sweet fifth-grade girls in Dubai where previous experiences in India help with adjusting to a new culture; having little time to herself but glad for her own apartment and car; planning on Christmas in India with Christian friends



All of us missing Heather as we plan to be together again at Jeff and Shirlene's in Olathe for a few days after Christmas

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Our year in pictures may be found on <http://SharpWebPage.com>

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you . . . Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27