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

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We appreciate your friendship and hope you also have been aware of the Lord's care this year. You are in our prayers because we know you have had challenges this year, too. We want to hear from you.

The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Heather Albertson

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

Shari, Eric, Mitch, Mandi, Michael and Melissa 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; independent 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/directory chairman

Herb, Jenny, Abigail (15), **Ben** (13 ½), **Celeste** (10), **Daniel** (7 ½) and **Ezekiel** (3 ½) - in Sterling, Kansas; Director of Career Services at Sterling College; home school mom getting ready for Baby Boy “F” in February; five energetic students

Shari, Eric, Mitch (3 ½), **Mandi** (26 mos), **Michael** and **Melissa** (twins 6 ½ mos.) **Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; stay-at-home mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; four active toddlers

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (8), **Andy** (5) and **Jacob** (2 ½) **Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; self-employed architect; three enthusiastic youngsters

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



All of us together for Christmas 2008 at the Kazmaiers' home in Olathe, Kansas missing Heather who was teaching in Dubai

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

Howard helping commercial and residential accounts to save money on electricity using three electric providers, especially: Cirro Energy, Direct Energy and Glacial Energy, experimenting with currency trading; doing legal research online, following friends' activities on Facebook, watching governmental missteps reported on FOX News; dealing with the challenges of Type 2 diabetes; driving with Sharron to Olathe, Kansas for Christmas 2008 at the Kazmaiers and to Oklahoma City for this year's Thanksgiving with Herb's family at the home of Jenny's mom; updating <http://LifeChain.net> and helping publish another GCRW yearbook with information Sharron collected; wondering if anything will be left in the back yard when our new year-old Carolina-mix dog, Lucky, gets past the chewing and digging stage

Sharron making hundreds of calls as GCRW directory/ways and means chairman, topping previous years' collections from sponsors, volunteering in several friends' campaigns for elected office; celebrating hundreds of books read by children and pre-teens as librarian at Richardson

Church of the Nazarene; visiting with 143 Texas Life Chain coordinators as Texas Life Chain director and with many of the coordinators in more than 1470 communities across the U.S. and Canada as the coordinator of <http://LifeChain.net>, 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; refereeing when fearless Kitty threatens Lucky into submission in the kitchen

Herb advising students at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas where he is Director of Career Services, heavily involved in the inauguration of Sterling's new president, singing in the choir at Hutichson First Church of the Nazarene, organizing weekly Farmers' Markets for Main Street Sterling as a board member; **Jenny** homeschooling four growing kids and reading to the fifth, maintaining a thriving garden and baking whole



wheat bread for market, teaching Celeste's Caravan class, directing Children's Missions at church; **Abi** (15) in ninth grade, having fun in the homeschool basketball league, throwing 1200 shots weekly during the summer, loving on babies in the church nursery; **Ben** (13 ½) in eighth grade, playing soccer and basketball, helping Dad with Farmer's Market, cooking daily and constructing amazing Lego creations; **Celeste** (10) in fifth grade, serving as captain of her Bible quiz team and singing in children's choir, enjoying reading and playing the piano, caring for a new kitten Kiwi; **Daniel** (7 ½) in second grade, reveling in his role as a summer town-league baseball player, doing well at quizzing, delighting in having Ezekiel as his sidekick; **Ezekiel** (3 ½) keeping the whole family happy with his outgoing personality, enjoying playing games with his siblings and with friends at church; **all the kids** riding into Hutchison with Jenny for basketball, homeschool and church activities almost every day; pleased to live close to family to be part of birthdays in Olathe and holidays in Oklahoma City and Dallas; thanking the Lord and looking forward to a new Baby Boy in February

Shari packing to fly with her family of four to Olathe last Christmas and announcing they will stay home this year with new twins complicating travel plans; enjoying help from Sharron, Cousin Beth, wonderful neighbors and friends with all four tots three and under for several weeks after the twins' birth; **Eric** continuing sermon preparation, flying to Dallas to be interviewed on a Christian TV program that aired on hundreds of stations worldwide; adding a guest room above the garage, rejoicing when their new Upper Room Assembly of God church building was dedicated; looking forward to more sleep as the twins allow; **Mitch** (3



1/2) entertaining his siblings and parents with antics and puppet shows, naming stuffed animals, writing his own name, building with blocks; **Mandi** (26 mos.) moving to the bottom bunk in Mitch's room, bouncing on mom and dad's bed, quietly playing with her dolls and "writing checks" with her mother's checkbook(!); **Michael** (6 ½ mos.) maneuvering to a sitting position, smiling and giggling easily; **Melissa** (6 ½ mos.) "army" crawling, intently studying people's faces, sleeping through her twin's "singing" right beside her

Shirlene helping with Jacob's Honeybees at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene; enjoying ladies' Bible study and leadership at Knowing MOMS; reconnecting with friends at her 15th college reunion at



Southern Nazarene University; **Jeff** keeping busy with multiple projects in his own architectural firm, glad for less travel this year; taking lots of pictures of his family at Nazarene General Assembly in Florida and eight states enroute; **both of them** teaching Lacie's Sunday school class and volunteering regularly in Andy and Jacob's classrooms; **Lacie** (8) in second grade, having fun in choir at church, Upward soccer and basketball, qualifying for a gold trophy at Nazarene World Quiz at General Assembly; **Andy** (5) excitedly discovering words to read, in choir and Bible study at church, glad to go out to lunch with his dad; **Jacob** (2 ½) fascinated by anything that has wheels, challenging any boy (of any size) to a wrestling match; singing "Jesus Loves Me" loudly where ever he finds himself

Heather collecting more furniture for her apartment in Dubai; missing holidays in the U.S. while teaching fifth-grade English and social studies at an American girls' school; spending her month of August at home celebrating her birthday at The Magic Time Machine in Addison, buying more books and supplies for her classroom, traveling to pass out gifts and be with siblings and friends in North Carolina, Kansas, Washington, D.C. and New York City then being glad for the solitude of her own apartment again; keeping up with friends on Facebook; planning to spend Christmas with friends in India



All of us missing Shari's family and Heather as we plan to be together in

Plano for Christmas this year

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

Our new pet, Lucky is from SPCA, and is a Carolina mix



"Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21