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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.

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

The Albertsons

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 (18), **Ben** (16 ½), **Celeste** (13), **Daniel** (10 ½), **Ezekiel** (6 ½) and **Zachary** (2 ½) - in Sterling / Olathe, Kansas; Bursar at Mid-America Nazarene University; home school mom; six active siblings

Shari, Eric, Mitch (6 ½), **Mandi** (5), **Michael** and **Melissa** (twins 3 ½) and **Miles** (2) **Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; stay-at-home mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; five energetic cherubs

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (11), **Andy** (8) and **Jacob** (5 ½) **Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; self-employed architect; three happy kids

Heather - in Dubai; middle school history teacher at American Academy in Al-Mizhar

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 Cirro Energy, Direct Energy and Glacial Energy, doing legal research online, following friends' activities on Facebook, watching governmental missteps reported on FOX News; coping with the increasing challenges of Type 2 diabetes, driving with



Christmas 2011 we gathered at Shirlene and Jeff's home in Olathe, Kansas with Herb and Jenny's family - missing Shari and Eric's family in North Carolina, visiting on Skype with Heather in Vienna, Austria

Sharron to Oklahoma to be with Herb and Shari's families for Shari's 20th class reunion at Southern Nazarene University, watching 11 of our 14 grandchildren play at a park; updating <http://LifeChain.net> and helping publish another GCRW directory with information that Sharron collected



Six Albertson and five Earhart cousins play at a park in Oklahoma City while Shari and Eric enjoy her 20th SNU reunion.



Howard shows support for Chick-fil-A.



Life Chains form in more than 1800 locations across the U.S. and Canada.

Sharron making hundreds of calls for GCRW as chairman of directory and ways and means committees, topping previous years' collections from sponsors; recruiting volunteers for several friends' successful election campaigns, receiving Tribute to Women and Volunteer of the Year awards with most volunteer hours in the state, campaigning in Virginia for Romney/Ryan; celebrating hundreds of books read by children and pre-teens as librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene; visiting with 150 Texas Life Chain coordinators as state director and with many of the coordinators in more than 1500 cities across the U.S. and Canada as coordinator of <http://LifeChain.net> for the 25th annual peaceful pro-life, prayer event on the first Sunday of October; glad that Kitty and Chihuahua Puppy are tolerating each other



U.S. Senator John and Sandy Cornyn are with Golden Corridor Republican Women at Tribute to Women awards luncheon.



State Senator-Elect Ken Paxton won easily during the general election.



Justice-Elect David and Diane Evans are thankful that he won during the runoff election.



Grandma is reading to the Earhart Five in Gatesville, North Carolina.



County Commissioner-Elect Chris and Laura Hill celebrate his win after the primary election.



Texas Tornado Campaigners in Virginia for Romney / Ryan



Susan Fletcher presents Sharron the Volunteer of the Year award at GCRW Christmas party at Fairview Farms Marketplace, Plano, Texas.



Richardson Church of the Nazarene children readers celebrate with Pastor Scott Sherwood.



Kitty and Puppy peacefully co-exist.

Herb Albertson managing the student accounts office as Bursar at Mid America Nazarene University, Olathe, Kansas, commuting to Sterling, Kansas to be with his family on weekends, continuing work on his master's degree, volunteering at events in Kansas City; **Jenny** homeschooling three teens and three youngsters, babysitting two others, handwriting for Sterling Services, bringing in hundreds of fall tomatoes, baking for local markets; **Abi** (18) in twelfth grade, taking daily walks with Jenny and the kids, helping Jenny babysit, attending high school camp, MNU Max as a participant in youth choir, and SNU College Days, counseling at children's camp; **Ben** (16 ½) in eleventh grade, making creative meals, playing basketball, operating the sound system at youth group, compet-

ing in teen Bible quizzing with Celeste, on the soccer team and displaying art at MNU Max; **Celeste** (12) in eighth grade, helping plan meals, advancing in teen quizzing and on the piano, enjoying her time with best friends from Hutchison Church of the Nazarene; **Daniel** (10 ½) in fifth grade, celebrating being top quizzer in a children's quiz, playing baseball, beginning followed everywhere by his little brothers; **Ezekiel** (6½) having fun reading, asking for more math, doing well in children's quizzing, glad to attend his first camp as a "real" camper; **Zachary** (2 ½) a big bundle of smiles and energy, talking to everyone even at the grocery store, wrestling with his brothers, thinking quietly and doing puzzles while humming; **all of them** enjoying Colorado with Uncle Rowan Albertson's family; Herb and Jenny celebrat-

ing their 20th anniversary in Estes Park; working as a family at district children's camp while Daniel and Zeke were campers; spending holidays with Jenny's mom, Sandy Zerby, in Bethany, Oklahoma; trusting the Lord to help them sell their home in Sterling so they can be in one place



Herb and Jenny celebrate their 20th anniversary.



Abi

Ben

Celeste

Daniel

Zeke

Zac



All eight have a great time at Uncle Rowen and Aunt Janet Albertson's home in Johnstown, Colorado.



Herb and Jenny's family pause for a photo with Grandma Sandy Zerby in Bethany, Oklahoma.



Jenny and kids are hiking in Colorado.



Ben takes a breath at the free throw line.



Celeste enjoys counseling at children's camp.



Abi loves babies and Cousin Josiah.



Celeste and Abi



Ben is in action on the ice.



Daniel is always smiling!



Abi counseling at children's camp



Celeste celebrates her 13th birthday.



Ben, Daniel, Zeke and Zac



Kids have fun piling in the leaves in Sterling, Kansas.



Cousins Zeke Albertson and Mitch Earhart



Zac Albertson in Colorado



Zac snuggles with his biggest brother, Ben Albertson.

Shari Earhart homeschooling her first grader and kindergartener, potty-training the twins while keeping Miles out of *everything*, making bread from freshly-ground wheat, packing all seven for a trip through 13 states in 12 days to see cousins and to attend her 20th college reunion; **Eric** staying busy with projects at church, studying for an Organizational Leadership and Management degree at Regent University hoping to finish in December 2013, holding a workshop for pastors in Prague, Czech Republic, working on a 1967 jeep in his “spare” time; **Mitch** (6 ½) riding his new bike, reading and drawing endless plans for puppet shows and dramas for the other kids to present (hoping they will follow his directions), attempting to play the much-anticipated Christmas program songs on his guitar; **Mandi** (5) also riding her new bike, nipping at Mitch’s heels in reading skills, hoping to be a nurse where children don’t have enough medicine if Jesus tells her to, wishing for a teenaged girl cousin at home; **Michael** (3 ½) loving hunting and motorcycles, taking Missi around the yard as his “daughter going hunting” then carrying a doll inside playing “family” with her; **Missi** (3 ½) running to help load the washer, playing school, learning the alphabet, cuddling one minute and dancing the next; **Miles** (almost 2) pulling a chair to the kitchen



Shari pauses with five on a slide in North Carolina.



Happy Mother's Day!

counter to sample the salt shaker or sugar bowl or use Mom’s camera, asking to go “side” (outside), meeting the world head-on (literally); **all of them** glad for a visit from Grandma Albertson in October



Homeschooling in swimsuits is fun!



Shari visits with former classmates at SNU.



Eric goes for a walk with his “guys.”



Eric waits for Missi at a wedding.



Eric and Michael are working on the jeep.



Eric and Shari visit with Dr. Loren Gresham at SNU Homecoming.



Four Ms wait for their cue at the wedding of one of their favorite babysitters.



Cousins Zeke Albertson, Mitch and Mandi Earhart plan their next move.



Eric, Mitch and Mandi are ready to do another wedding.



Mandi expresses sheer joy.



Mandi rides her new birthday bike.



Michael - a man on a mission!



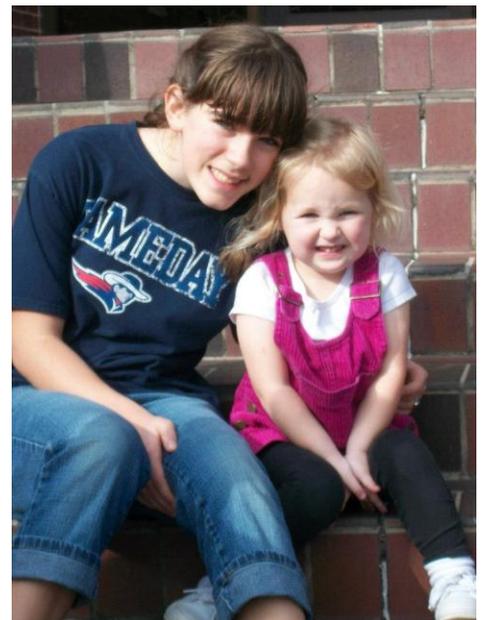
Michael and Missi in Colorado



Cousin Beth reads to Michael.



Michael is always ready to go hunting with Dad!



Cousins Celeste Albertson and Missi Earhart share a giggle.



Miles is glad to be one of the big kids.



Miles is starting his own homeschool class.



Miles - always ready!



Four Ms get directions from Cousin Emily Albertson.



Five Ms - ready for the snow in Colorado!



Pastor Eric, Mitch and Mandi ride with Upper Room Kids' Clubs in the Christmas parade.



Albertson and Earhart cousins at SNU Commons may be future students.

Shirlene Kazmaier helping with Jacob's Bible Clubhouse Kids and Lacie's choir at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene; enjoying ladies' Bible study and Knowing MOMS; driving 88 miles each school day to take the kids to Whitefield Christian Academy in Kansas City, Missouri, going on field trips and volunteering with PTF; **Jeff** keeping busy on several projects in his architectural firm, serving on the church Sunday School Ministries Board, taking his family to Colorado to



Shirlene and other proud mothers watch their children perform.



Shirlene and Lacie at children's camp

visit Shirlene's cousins and then to New Hampshire to enjoy time with his parents, three siblings and their families, visiting state capitols and Niagara Falls enroute; **both of them** teaching Andy's Sunday School class, having fun with kids, helping with homework, piano lessons, quizzing, and sports; **Lacie** (11) in fifth grade doing well at a classical Christian school as are Andy and Jacob; in church children's choir, Bible quizzing, Upward soccer, basketball, piano and swimming lessons; **Andy** (8) in second grade, playing Upward flag-football, basketball and soccer, in kids' church choir, quizzing, piano and swimming lessons, helping Jeff with yard work; **Jacob** (5 1/2) in Knowing Kids and Bible Clubhouse Kids, "finally" in kindergarten, playing and running outside whenever possible, attempting swimming lessons and trying to keep up with Lacie and Andy; **all of them** bringing their playful English Golden Retriever puppy to Plano for Thanksgiving where the "Kazmaier Movers" helped Grandma decorate for Christmas



Friends serving at a homeless shelter for Shirlene's best birthday ever!



Shirlene with new puppy, Maggie



Easter at the Kazmaiers' house



The Kazmaiers in New Hampshire



Andy, Lacie and Jacob intent on paddleboating



Jeff counseling at Andy's camp



All of Jeff's family together in New Hampshire



The relaxed paddleboaters



Ready for Niagara Falls!



Andy and Lacie after a Bible quiz meet



Jacob loves cars!



Andy and Cousin in New Hampshire



Lacie singing at Trilogy Cultural Center



Jacob in New Hampshire



Andy is proud of his roasting skills.



Lacie with Maggie and Puppy in Plano



Andy in New Hampshire



Jacob is ready to go hiking!



First day at Whitefield Christian Academy



Kazmaiers at the Gaylord Texan



Andy, Lacie and Jacob at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas

Heather in her fifth year of teaching social studies at American Academy in Al-Mizhar as team leader, coordinating Week Without Walls field trips, attending senior prom, chaperoning a sleep-over at school and a three-day trip; spending Christmas 2011 in Vienna, spring break in Doha, Qatar, a week-end in Ras Al Khaima (another emirate), July in Mumbai, India and Christmas 2012 in Leba-non; yachting around World Islands, visiting an art exhibition in Abu Dhabi; attending an Emirati wedding in a dress she designed using a sari (in photo), volunteering all year at the USO, tutoring and teaching English on the side; taking up yoga, losing 80 pounds, passing the GRE and paying off her Jeep!



Heather at an Emirati wedding in a dress she designed



Christmas 2011 dinner in Vienna, Austria



Photo Heather took while we were on Skype from Olathe, Kansas to Vienna, Austria during Christmas 2011.



Ice skating at the Dubai Mall



Bulls eye with the paparazzi watching



Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna



Wedding in Dubai



Ready to teach social studies at American Academy in Al-Mizhar



Biker babe for a photo



Sports Day with a fellow Horse teammate

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

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24



National Day gift outfit



Dubai as Heather sees it each day