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

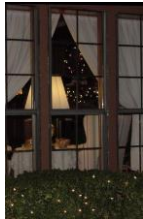
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We appreciate your friendship. You are in our prayers because we know you have had challenges this year, too. We want to hear from you. “Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”

– 2 Chronicles 15:7

### 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 (20), Ben (18), Celeste (15), Daniel (12), Ezekiel (8) and Zachary (4)** - in Olathe, Kansas; Bursar at MidAmerica Nazarene University; home school mom; six busy siblings

**Shari, Eric, Mitch (8), Mandi (7), Michael and Melissa (twins 5), Miles (4) and Matthew (14 months) Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; home school mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; six active learners

**Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (13), Andy (10) and Jacob (7) Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; self-employed architect; three energetic kids

**Heather** - in Dubai; middle school social studies teacher at American Academy in Al-Mizhar

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

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**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; on conference calls almost every day; coping with challenges of Type 2 diabetes and wound care appointments,



Christmas 2013 in Olathe, Kansas - front: Jacob and Andy Kazmaier, Daniel and Zac Albertson; middle: Howard, Sharron and Zeke Albertson; back: Shirlene, Jeff and Lacie Kazmaier; Celeste, Ben, Herb and Jenny Albertson; missing Shari’s family in North Carolina and Heather in Dubai

going with Sharron to Kansas to be with Herb and Shirlene’s families for Christmas 2013 (see photo above) and later for grandson Ben’s graduation from high school; updating <http://LifeChain.net> and helping publish another GCRW directory with information that Sharron collected

**Sharron** making hundreds of calls for GCRW as chair of directory and ways and means committees, topping previous years’ collections from patrons; recruiting volunteers for several friends’ successful election campaigns, receiving an engraved cavalry sword as one of 20 conservative leaders in Texas from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility; 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 1560 cities across the U.S. and Canada as coordinator of <http://Life-Chain.net> for the 27th annual peaceful pro-life, prayer event on the first Sunday of October; glad that Kitty and Chihuahua Puppy are co-existing

**Herb** enjoying life as Bursar at MNU ([mnu.edu](http://mnu.edu)) helping students and advising prospective student families; volunteering with Jenny at the area home-school conference; **Jenny** homeschooling four; playing on a winning church volleyball team, volunteering in Pre K class at church and monthly with Herb at Kauffman Center as ushers; **Abi (20)** loving her job at Little Wonders Day Care with precious children; making a





trip to Haiti with her Aunt Shari and cousin Mandi, volunteering in the church nursery and Pre K class; **Ben** (18) graduating from high school; attending ALERT Academy in Texas for nine weeks; working at HyVee in Italian bar and at Amazon logistics center; **Celeste** (15) staying in top ten in KC area teen quizzing, excelling in piano lessons, taking American Sign Language at Johnson County Community College with Jenny; **Daniel** (12) completing his sixth year of children's quizzing, moving to teen quizzing with his top 20 status, playing in church soccer league; **Ezekiel** (8) also enjoying church soccer, moving to next level in children's quizzing, finishing his daily school work well and quickly in order to play with Zac; **Zachary** (4) in Pre K loves being able to do school like everyone else; thrilled to ride his first bike (with training wheels); amazing his family with his ability to communicate so well; **all of them** volunteering monthly for Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry in Gardner, KS; serving and learning at a homeschool convention; working at district children's camp while Daniel and Zeke were campers



**Shari** tutoring in a local Classical Conversations homeschool community, playing keyboard on the praise team, directing the church nursery; **Eric** graduating with a degree in Leadership Studies at Regent University in May, working on his long-term jeep restoration project, practicing gun safety with the kids and taking three of them hunting; **Mitch** (8) creating move-able machines out of LEGOS, practicing puppet shows, taking his puppets to church to give informal shows before Kids'

Church starts, reading the Lord of the Rings trilogy; **Mandi** (7) excitedly showing off the squirrel she shot, teaching Missi how to read, going on her first mission trip to Haiti with Shari, **Michael** (5) getting his first pocket knife and quietly enduring seven stitches in his hand, proudly learning to read, explaining life to Miles; **Missi** (5) pleased to say all 50 states and capitals, identifying the large intestine of Mandi's squirrel, making silly faces for Matthew; **Miles** (4) jumping and bumping through the house, learning to write his name and sounds of letters, convincing strangers in Walmart to buy him a drink; **Matthew** (14 months) learning to walk, reorganizing the kitchen, "talking" to George, the cat, and two puppies; **all of them** thankful for safety when Shari hit an eight-point deer with the van

**Shirlene** helping with Andy's choir at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene, enjoying ladies' Bible study, counseling for Lacie's group at church camp, driving two hours each school day to take the kids to Whitefield Academy in Kansas City, Missouri, going on field trips and volunteering with

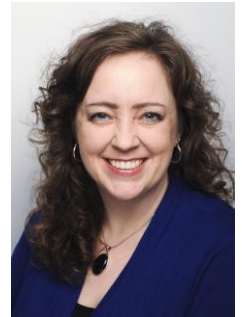
PTF; **Jeff** keeping busy on several projects in his architectural firm, serving on the church Sunday School Ministries Board (through May), counseling for Andy's and Jacob's groups at church camp, taking his family to Disney World; **both of them** teaching Jacob's Sunday School class; **Lacie** (13) in seventh

grade doing well at a classical Christian school as are Andy and Jacob, in her first spelling bee, making the headmaster's honor roll, in church and school choir, piano and swimming lessons; **Andy** (10) in fourth grade, playing Upward flag-football, basketball and soccer, in kids' church choir, quizzing, piano and swimming lessons, helping Jeff with yard work; **Jacob** (7) in second grade, asked Jesus to come into his heart during VBS; in quizzing, Upward sports, swimming lessons, enjoy-



ing riding his bike, building Legos with Andy; **all of them** taking care of their playful 90-pound English Golden Retriever

**Heather** in her seventh year of teaching social studies at American Academy in Al-Mizhar, Dubai as pastoral team leader with 150 students, adding sixth grade to seventh and eighth grade responsibilities; coordinating Week Without Walls field trips; advising Student Council; spending Christmas 2013 in Frankfurt, Germany, spring break in Istanbul, Turkey; trips to Abu Dhabi, Fujairah, Al Ain, Ras Al Khaima (other emirates), Christmas 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic; brunching, mani/pedis, massages (generally enjoying the Dubai lifestyle); moving to a new apartment with a lovely balcony garden; feeling at home after six years; tutoring on the side



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