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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

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; 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



Grandson Ben is at work at HyVee.



Birthdays are celebrated in Olathe, Kansas (above) in May and Howard’s in Plano (right) in August with the Kazmaires.



Herb’s family all fit in Grandpa’s kitchen in Plano in September.

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



GCRW board enjoyed our annual retreat in January 2014.



Book readers celebrated in April 2014 and chose new books (below).



Our friend, State Senator Ken Paxton, won the general election for Texas Attorney General in November.



Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott won the election for Texas Governor in November 2014.



Karl Voigtsberger won the election for State Republican Executive Committeeman in June 2014 at Texas Republican Convention.



Granddaughter Celeste celebrated her birthday in Plano in September 2014.



State Representative-Elect Matt Shaheen, former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, and Texas Attorney General-Elect Ken Paxton are some of Sharron's favorites.



Conservative Leaders Gala in December 2014 with Michael Q Sullivan and U.S. Senator Ted Cruz recognized 20 volunteers from across the state.



State Representative Jeff Leach nominated Sharron to be one of the 20 conservative leaders for 2014.



Herb enjoying life as Bursar at MNU (mnu.edu) helping students and advising prospective student families; volunteering with Jenny at the area homeschool 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

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



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



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



Daniel (12) completing his sixth year of children's quizzing, moving to teen quizzing with his top 20 status, playing in church soccer league



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



Ben (18) graduating from high school; attending ALERT Academy in Texas





Shari Earhart (our second) tutoring in a local Classical Conversations home-school 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) happily saying all 50 states and capitals, identifying the large intestine of the squirrel Mandi shot, 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



Picnics in the park include friends.



Many birthdays are celebrated at this table.



Entrepreneurs show their wares beside the highway in front of their house.



Haiti with Shari, Mandi and niece Abi was fun.





Shirlene Kazmaier (our third) 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



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



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



Jacob (7) in second grade, asked Jesus to come into his heart during VBS; in quizzing, Upward sports, swimming lessons, enjoying riding his bike, building Legos with Andy



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



All of them taking care of their playful 90-pound English Golden Retriever and missing her while they were at Disney World and on trips to grandparents (next column in the Dallas area)





Heather (our fourth) 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



being recognized on her birthday with Emirati traditions



celebrating Eid in October, moving to a new apartment with a lovely balcony garden; feeling at home after six years; tutoring on the side; planning another adventure by traveling to Prague, Czech Republic for Christmas 2014



spending Christmas 2013 in Frankfurt, Germany



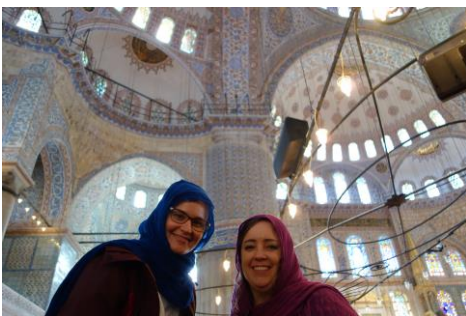
brunching, mani/pedis, massages



enjoying spring break in Istanbul, Turkey with friends



generally enjoying the Dubai lifestyle



taking trips to Abu Dhabi, Fujeirah, Al Ain, Ras Al Khaima (other emirates)

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