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

### The Albertsons

**Howard** - in Plano; retired independent broker for electricity in the Texas de-regulated marketplace

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

**Herb, Jenny, Abigail** (21), **Ben** (19), **Celeste** (16), **Daniel** (13), **Ezekiel** (9) and **Zachary** (5) - in Olathe, Kansas; bursar at MidAmerica Nazarene University; home school mom; six busy siblings

**Shari, Eric, Mitch** (9), **Mandi** (8), **Michael** and **Melissa** (twins 6), **Miles** (5) and **Matthew** (2) **Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; home school mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; six active learners

**Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie** (14), **Andy** (11) and **Jacob** (8) **Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; self-employed architect; three energetic kids

**Heather** - in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada - nanny for hockey boys

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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 save money on electricity using Cirro Energy and Direct Energy, following friends’ activities on Facebook, watching governmental mis-steps reported on FOX News; on al-



most-daily conference calls; coping with challenges of Type 2 diabetes, struggling



Christmas 2014 in Olathe, Kansas - front: Jacob and Andy Kazmaier, Sharron, Zeke and Zac Albertson; back: Jeff, Shirlene and Lacie Kazmaier; Celeste, Ben, Daniel, Abi, Jenny and Herb Albertson; missing Shari’s family in North Carolina, Howard in Plano and Heather in Dubai

with vision and mobility problems; glad that retirement allows frequent naps at his desk; updating <http://LifeChain.net> with information and photos that Sharron collected and ignoring her frequent attempts to get him away from his desk

**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, making trips to the Capitol in Austin and to Olathe, KS; 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 1600 cities across the U.S. and Canada as coordinator of <http://Life-Chain.net> for the 28th annual peaceful pro-life, prayer event on the first Sunday of October; sad that Kitty passed away but giving Chihuahua Puppy his desired, individual attention

**Herb** as bursar at MNU ([mnu.edu](http://mnu.edu)) helping students and advising prospective student families, serving on committees with national and state associations for college and university business officers; **Jenny** homeschooling four and coaching driver’s ed for Celeste, volunteering in Pre K class at Living Hope church and with Herb at Kauffman Center; selling Lemongrass Spa products ([ourlemongrassspa.com/Jenny](http://ourlemongrassspa.com/Jenny)); **Abi** (21) loving her job in her second year at Little Wonders Day Care with babies to preschoolers, volunteering in the church nursery and Pre-K class; **Ben** (19) recently promot-



ing to manager in the Italian bar at HyVee, working with gusto at Golden Bell Camp (CO) as summer staff; **Celeste** (16) in top ten KC area teen quizzing, on the regional team at World quiz before Nazarene Youth Conference, enjoying piano lessons; **Daniel** (13) doing well in teen quizzing, participating in Homeschool Robotics team in the Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology competition, growing like a weed; **Ezekiel** (9) enjoying soccer league and camp, excited about Bible quizzing, excelling in math; **Zachary** (5) in kindergarten learning to read and loving math, playing his first season of soccer, glad to finally have his first dog; **all of them** loving their new Labradoodle puppy "Bear," volunteering at Golden Bell during spring break on an MNU service project, serving and learning at a homeschool convention, working at district children's camp while Zeke was a camper

**Shari** tutoring in a local Classical Conversations homeschool community, teaching Kids' Church at Upper Room Assembly of God, directing the kids' Christmas program; **Eric** helping friends by fixing their cars, finishing the attic to be a playroom and extra bedroom, proudly watching their church people serve and give; **Mitch** (9) discussing C.S. Lewis' ability to imagine the world of Narnia, bagging his first deer - a doe, leading his siblings in all kinds of (muddy) building projects; **Mandi** (8) bagging her first deer - an 8-point buck, writing songs and poems to Jesus, enjoying all different kinds of crafts; **Michael** (6) making sure he gets his turn hunting with Dad, driving a four-wheeler in the Christmas

parade, getting his schoolwork done without being reminded; **Missi** (6) cuddling up to Mom when it's her turn to read, riding her bike, making silly videos with Mandi and a friend; **Miles** (5) getting out of bed to discuss "all the God things" with Mom, enjoying alone-play with his blocks and little people as well as his Classical Conversations group; **Matthew** (2) firmly telling Eric that "God made moon... stars," begging to ride the four "lee-ler" and "do school, too," charming his siblings into giving him whatever he wants; **all of them** enjoying visits with missionary friends and ministry families

**Shirlene** helping start an alumni association at Whitefield Academy in Kansas City, Missouri, driving two hours to take the kids to school, going on field trips and volunteering with PTF, helping with Andy's choir at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene, enjoying ladies' Bible study; **Jeff** keeping busy on several projects in his architectural firm, serving on the church Building and Grounds Committee, counseling for Andy's and Jacob's groups at church camp, remodeling the front porch, taking his family to Colorado; **both of them** teaching Jacob's Sunday School class; **Lacie** (14) in eighth grade doing well at a classical Christian school as are Andy and Jacob, in the school play *Antigone*, on headmaster's honor roll, in church and school choir, piano and swimming lessons; **Andy** (11) in fifth grade, flag-football,



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

**Heather** finishing her seventh year of teaching social studies at American Academy in Al-Mizhar, Dubai as pastoral team leader with 150 students in sixth through eighth grade; helping to coordinate crazy-fun Week Without Walls field trips; advising Student Council; making the difficult decision to move on from Dubai at the end of the 2014-2015 school year; spending Christmas 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic, spring break in London, England with Emirati friends, visiting Mumbai, India; saying goodbye-for-now to many dear friends and students; selling or giving away almost everything in her apartment, classroom and car, shipping the rest back to Texas; spending three months in peaceful San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with a few days in Dallas and Chicago; now nannying for two 15-year-old boys in Penticton, BC, enjoying the challenges and fun of being a "hockey mom" ;) with trips to Vancouver and Dallas/Olathe for Christmas



basketball, kids' church choir, quizzing, piano and swimming lessons, helping Jeff with yard work; **Jacob** (8) in third grade, quizzing, flag-football basketball,

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