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

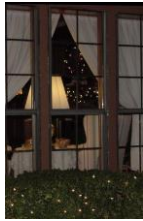
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We appreciate your friendship. You are in our prayers because we know you have had challenges this year, too. We want to hear from you. “May He

give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

Psalm 20:4

The Albertsons

Howard - in Plano; independent broker for electricity in the Texas deregulated 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

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



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

Howard helping commercial and residential accounts save money on electricity using Cirro Energy and Direct Energy, following friends’ activities on Facebook, watching governmental missteps reported on FOX News; on almost-daily conference calls; coping with challenges of Type 2 diabetes, struggling 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 Olathe, KS and to the Texas Capitol in Austin (continued on next page)



Howard and Sharon found granddaughter Lacie Kazmaier who came to Fort Worth on a missions trip in the summer.



Sharron and daughter Shirlene celebrated the New Year with Herb’s and Shirlene’s families in Olathe, KS.



The Texas House of Representatives in Austin was packed for the beginning of the January 13, 2015 session and the vote for Speaker of the House.



We're glad for our conservative, pro-life Governor Greg Abbott.



It's good to have someone like U.S. Senator Ted Cruz giving us an option for elected officials.



Ladies from across the state came to Austin again to celebrate Ken Paxton's investiture as Texas Attorney General.



Friends joined us to celebrate life at 40 Days for Life and National Life Chain.



Golden Corridor Republican Women celebrated our 25th anniversary with most of the past presidents available for a picture.



Our friend, Attorney General Ken Paxton, spoke at Collin County Lincoln Day Dinner.



(continued from "A Peak through the Window") 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



How fun to be with Lacie for her big night in *Antigone* by Sophocles at Whitefield Academy in Kansas City!



Puppy wasn't sure about the late February and early March snows but was glad for his sweater AND coat. :-)



We're proud of the job our State Representatives Scott Turner and Matt Shaheen have done for us in Austin.



Herb (our first born) as Bursar at MNU (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)



Abi (21) loving her job in her second year at Little Wonders Day Care with babies to pre-schoolers, volun-

teering in the church nursery and Pre K class



Ben (19) recently promoting 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 Home-school Robotics team within the BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology) competition, growing like a weed



Ezekiel (9) enjoying soccer league and soccer camp, excited about Bible quizzing, excelling in school, especially math



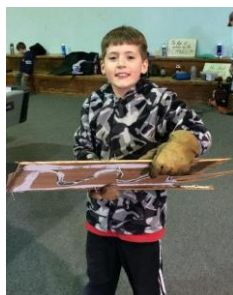
Zachary (5) in kindergarten learning to read and loving math, playing his first season of soccer, glad to

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



The Albertsons enjoyed Garden of the Gods in Colorado and took Ben back to Golden Bell to work for the summer.





Shari (our second child) tutoring in a local Classical Conversations homeschool community, teaching

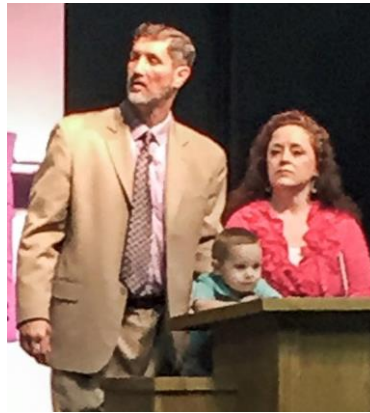


Kids' Church at Upper Room Assembly of God, directing the kids' Christmas program



Eric helping friends by fixing their cars, finishing the attic to be a playroom and extra bedroom, proudly watching his people at

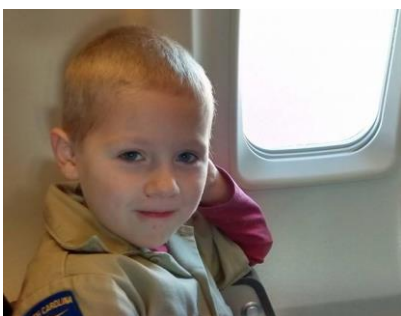
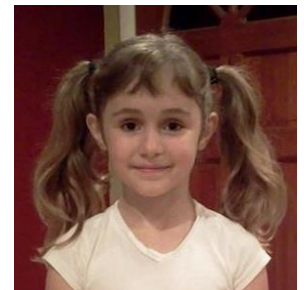
The Upper Room Assembly of God serve and give - including taking volunteers to witness and pray for inmates at a prison



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; becoming Shari's "mini-me" (see Shari's first grade photo to the left of Mandi)



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



Everyone learning how to take care of the chickens in their backyard coop; having fun in the woods behind their house





Shirlene (our third child) 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

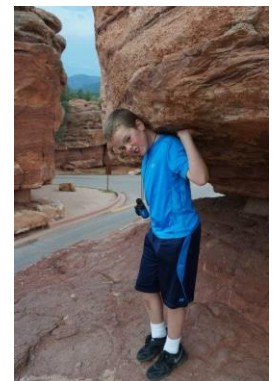


Both of them teaching Jacob's Sunday School class

Lacie (14) in eighth grade doing well at a classical Christian school as are Andy and Jacob, in the school play *Antigone* by Sophocles, on headmaster's honor roll, in church and school choir, piano and swimming lessons



Andy (11) in fifth grade, playing flag-football and basketball, in kids' church choir, quizzing, piano and swimming lessons, helping Jeff with yard work



Kazmaiers had fun with Albertson cousins at Uncle Rowen and Aunt Janet's house in Colorado.



Jacob (8) in third grade, in quizzing, playing flag-football and basketball, swimming lessons, enjoying riding his bike, building Legos with Andy

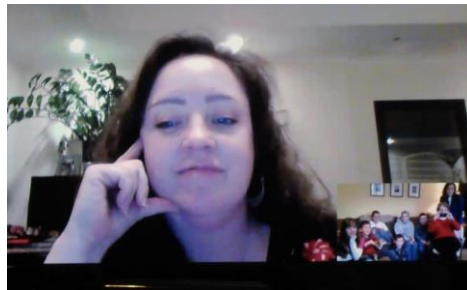


All of them taking care of their playful 90-pound English Golden Retriever



Heather (our fourth child) 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, a few days 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, Dallas and Olathe for Christmas



Heather visited with family in Olathe last Christmas on skype from Dubai and then went to Prague with friends in the photo below.



The Burj reflected in the HOP table in the morning and above a restaurant at night was always visible.



Moving from desert in Dubai to winter in Canada (as at right) has happened in a few months – and now No Papers to Grade! ☺

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