

MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL,

DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Here we sit once again attempting to compose an endearing rendition of our year & praying that it will find you all well. We cannot say that this year has been uneventful for us in fact God has asked us to trust Him more than ever as we navigate the muddy waters of a crazy economy. Stoke up the fire; grab a cup of coffee, cocoa, hot tea; sit back in your favorite cozy chair under a comfy blanket while we regale you with the tale of the year 2009.

We should begin with Susan's activities but we don't want to wear you out before we can tell you about the rest of us. So we'll begin with Our Senior Addison. He was the only senior boy on Susan's side of the family the other three senior girls met the challenge of getting together one weekend so that we could all have one picture of the four seniors together. What fun! That left Grandma to figure out how she would find a way to make each one feel as special as they are since she knew she'd never make all of those graduations. Addison is now half way through culinary school & trying to figure out where God will lead him next. He seems to have visions of Omaha NE dancing in his head. Watch out you K-state fans he may giving up HIS Jay hawk red for Husker red oh how that would sadden us all.



Jonah is a fully charged Jr Hi boy with all the nuttiness that goes along with being a Jr Hi boy. His biggest claim to fame this year means all of you should stay off the road! That's right we have begun the long & arduous journey of teaching him to drive. See I told you hide yourselves, your small children & pets! He will be on a road near you soon. Jonah is also excited that in the near future he will officially become a part of the high school troupe. He is busy growing into the fine young man God has destined him to be. We can't wait to see what God has in store for him.

Lewis has been increasingly busy. TFC is in a new phase in Stockton most of our students are Jr Hi which makes the group rowdy, fun, & we ambitious for how they will all grow in the next few years. They definitely keep us hopping. TFC is also undergoing changes we are currently seeking a new director. Dan Klinger has filled this position for the past seventeen years. He & his family will not be leaving staff simply changing hats. We are both figuring out just how hard it is to experience change as you get older (shudder did I just say we were getting older) must be a typo sorry about that.

Now we must tell you a bit of Susan's year. I promise it would exhaust you to keep up with all of it. She began the year with not one but two new jobs. That's if you don't count her jobs as mom, wife & daughter. She is occasionally working for a traveling agency & at a facility in NE. She's not too fond of the traveling but she does enjoy the people she has met & worked with. Speaking of traveling her favorite story is about how Lewis & Susan will be traveling with a few others to Ecuador in January. As she looks forward to her first airplane trip she will undoubtedly be beyond excitement when she has the opportunity to retell her stories of Ecuador next year.

Well would you look at that the fire has dimmed on another year & your drink has chilled while your heart has warmed & we have raced through another year. Don't get to comfy though cause just around the corner is yet another year of new adventure, challenge, & yes even change. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Can't wait to share it with you!



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LEWIS & SUSAN SMITH

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FROM THE TFC STAFF