

Merry Christmas



PEACE



Dear Fam and Friends,

As always we wish you a very merry and special Christmas. Nothing can compare to the very first one, but we hope you are able to enter fully into the spirit of the season.

This year is memorable for us because Tartan and Naomi celebrated 20 years of marriage as well as Kyrie's entry into the teen years by taking a family vacation to Disney World. Our anniversary dinner at Artist Point at the Wilderness Lodge was exceptional- worthy of the occasion. Our children also all aged a little and all seemed to stretch out a lot. Kayleigh danced in her first ballet production, the third for her sisters. Aidan left Cub Scouts behind and entered the world of Boy Scouts, joining his brother's troop. Aimee, of course, has changed the most. She converses at the toddler level and knows how to look cute or throw a tantrum with equal ease and skill. Alex is very close to earning his Eagle Scout badge and a kilt is on its way from Scotland for the ceremony. He completed NaNoWriMo (Nat'l Novel Writing Month) again this year, and though the novel is not done, he's committed to completing this one. He's a high school junior, so he has one more year to go before becoming an official homeschool graduate.

JOY

As mentioned, Kyrie is now a teen and it's a joy to watch her mature. She has added pointe and tap to her dance repertoire and she loves it. As an eighth grader, school work has kicked up a notch for her, but she's handling it well. She, Abigail, and Aidan(!) each have a drama role in next year's dance production, but that's for next year's letter. Abigail's dance skills are growing and she is taking modern instead of tap this year. She's in third grade so she moved up to the Truth and Training club at AWANA, which she is enjoying.

Tartan has recently moved to a new position within ExxonMobil. New group, new challenge, new office (with a door this time!). Of course, he's got his continuing responsibilities as husband, father and church elder. He has also returned to BSF to do the new study on Isaiah. Alex, Aidan & Abi are able to join him for that. Naomi's challenge remains the same- juggling time with God, husband, and children. She also continues to serve as the registrar for our home school group and tries to have the house semi-presentable each Friday for our church small group to meet here.

In all, our lives are very blessed and we are thankful for all that God is doing in our lives. Whatever comes in 2011, we believe that He will walk with us and work in us. We hope that will be true for you as well.

Love, Tartan, Naomi, Alex, Kyrie, Aidan, Abigail, Kayleigh & Aimee
(& Chihiro the cat)