

Christmas 2020

Dear Friends and Family,

2020 has been quite the year. Whoever thought that the USA would ever be in this kind of situation. We have learned a lot and first and foremost we have so much to be thankful for. We have all learned to slow down some and learned how to function in new and different ways. Whether that is good or bad, we have learned.

Other than the above Gary and I are doing ok. I had a knee replacement in May which has gone well. Then the biggest news was that we moved to a smaller place. After living in one place for 47 years it was hard to change but the change has been good. Going from about 3600 sq feet to 1400 was an adjustment. It is so amazing how many treasures that you accumulate. I am really thankful for no stairs. We plan to leave the beginning of December for Arizona as we will be closer to California to help out the kids is needed.

Many of you are aware of the many fires that we have had in the West. Colorado has been extremely dry. In late October our grandson who is on one of the Strike teams that fight the forest fires in California was burned pretty badly while on duty. He was burned about 65% of his body with 2nd and 3rd degree burns. We are so thankful that he survived but has a long road ahead of him. The gratefulness we feel for all the prayers that have been said on his behalf as well as for his parents, Doug, Sandy and sister and husband, Jessica and Andrew is awesome. It has been great that Doug has been able to be off work for a couple of months so he and Sandy can be close to the hospital.

Steph and the kids are doing well. Steph always finds projects that occupy her time and has worked to get her yard in shape. She got a couple of puppies that give her fits but also are a joy for her. She is so creative it is fun to see what she finds to complete. Riley and Forrest are both in school and having to do a lot remotely which can be difficult. They will be both home for the holidays. River lives in Colorado Springs and wants to start taking some classes toward her masters.

Glen really enjoys his lawn care but is so glad when the season ends. He had a good year albeit a bit slower due to many folks doing their lawns since they were working from home and had the time to do them. Hopefully it will work out better next year.

Lastly we want to wish each and every one of you to have a most Blessed Christmas and Wonderful New Year. Pray that you all stay happy and healthy.

Xcgs
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