



**REMEMBERING YOU AS WE REMEMBER CHRIST'S BIRTH — GOD'S GIFT TO US!!**

Oh the sweetness and power of that tiny baby. Here are some snippets from the story told by Luke....

*And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."*

*And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. ~ Luke 2:28-33, 38*

God has shown favor, not just to Mary, but to all of us, through the birth, death and resurrection of His son. Oh that we all would hear His voice, and respond so easily and so quickly as Mary with the words, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." We are His bondslaves here to learn of Him, live for Him, glorify Him in all we do, and live in His Kingdom, not the world's kingdom, now and for eternity. May the Lord bless us all this coming year with the yieldedness to live every breath for Him.

**A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU —** *We hope you enjoy our new ministry photo magnet. Please put it on your fridge and lift us up in prayer before the Lord!*

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We have had an exciting year and a half with many changes!

**FALL 2005 —** New Daughter-in-law

September 10th, 2005 Josh married Kerin Bloom in a beautiful outdoor wedding. It was surreal for us to see the goodness of God in bringing to Josh a wonderful, godly spouse. We will be posting the unique story of their courtship at our new web site, [www.gcfamilies.org](http://www.gcfamilies.org), if you are interested.

**December 2005 —** New House

December 2005 saw us moving out of our house of 15 years in Fairfax VA, to a brand new home in Brunswick, Md. It was nerve wracking as the market entered a "period of adjustment" just as we were trying to sell. But God gave us an amazing real estate agent and did an amazing work to enable us to move! We had signed a contract for a new home to be built when the market was hot in May '05. We thought we would have a few more months of the hot market to get hotter, until we sold our old home. As it turned out, by the time we listed our house in Fairfax in October '05, things were grinding to a halt: too many houses on the market. After praying and biting our fingernails for weeks, we had a buyer, a sweet couple with baby number 2 due. The Lord is rarely early, but never late. ☺

## 2006 — New Ministry

In March '06, after 23 wonderful years with Campus Crusade for Christ, we launched out on our own to begin a brand new ministry! Look at [www.gcfamilies.org](http://www.gcfamilies.org) for details. Our new GCF logo and website are designed by our son, Aaron. We have had an exciting year figuring out some of the ins and outs of running our new ministry. Lots of administrative details, but we have had the sense that the Lord has prepared the way for us to walk in by often providing opportunities for us to do things we were hoping to do, without us really asking or pursuing anyone but the Lord. It has been a very confirming year.

### Traveling to Launch a New Ministry

March through October saw us traveling and speaking in 8 different states at 8 different conferences. Quite the family adventure! We participated in conferences in Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia again, Texas, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, and then a trip to see friends in Michigan on our way home. Sometimes we spoke, other times we were there to receive training, but all of it related to the starting of our new ministry. We drove all these places in our trusty '99 Montana minivan. It's in great shape for its 187,000 miles! We are grateful to the Lord for that! We are hope it lasts us another 3-5 years.

### Hospitality

In our new home over the last 12 months, we have had the opportunity to host 21 families at various times, as well as host other seminars and events. Having 2 guest rooms frees us up to do this with ease. It's been a delight and the fulfillment of a desire Bernie has had for years.

### New Grandbaby!!!

In October, Abigail Renee was born. Our first sweet grandbaby! For photos, visit [www.joshandkerin.com](http://www.joshandkerin.com). We enjoy being close enough to see her often! She, of course, is the most beautiful baby there is . . . and Josh and Kerin are sweet parents. It is fun seeing them move into this new role with such joy and ease. God's grace is with them, as they have embraced the bearing of children and raising them up to the glory of God.

### Sarah the College Student, Again

Also in October, Sarah, who is now 19, began work on finishing a degree in Music Theory and Composition. She had tested out of the first two years of college in a 5 month period when she was 17. After that, though, she had no idea what to pursue. So the last 2 years she has blessed us serving in many capacities in our home, teaching piano lessons, baby sitting, schooling Dan, learning various aspects of homemaking, and we all sought the Lord about if/when/where/how/what as it related to finishing a degree. The Lord seems to have given clear direction over the past few months by providing a way for her to complete a degree in a strong area of interest, that of music theory and composition. She will actually be doing it from home, so she can continue to serve with us in ministry.

## 25 Years — Bernie and Linda

On Dec. 5, 2006, Bernie and Linda celebrated their 25th anniversary. Josh and Kerin cooked us a lovely dinner, and all the children wrote letters of honor and appreciation. We also spent an overnight at a local bed and breakfast. We are grateful for the years God has given us, and for what He has done in our lives. We look with hope towards the future God has prepared for us!

### Aaron the Graphic Artist

Since October 2005, Aaron has been working fulltime as an interactive web designer for a small company in Reston, VA. He had been working with his brother for the three years before that in their own company, Heraldic Enterprises. He got this new job based on the portfolio he built while working with Heraldic. His main specialty is the program 'Flash', which is in high demand right now. He has also been doing some beta testing for other web application programs like Fireworks. He is learning lots, and improving his already inherent artistic abilities, which he is blessing us with by developing our ministry and family web sites. He takes time off to travel with us, also. We are blessed by the insight he has, and by his deepening walk with the Lord, and commitment to live a life free from compromise.

### Daniel's Amazing Memory

Daniel has become quite the expert at many things. First, origami - his creations often have hundreds of folds and are very intricate, and he seems to be able to do most of them from memory after he makes them once. Then there is scripture memory - he is memorizing entire chapters of the Bible, and is working on compiling what he has done into a CD. He speaks with much eloquence and expression, and we are often brought to tears by the power of his recitations. Third would be entomology and bug collecting - he spent much of the summer studying and collecting insects, which he then mounts into his huge collection. He would love to travel to different countries to find certain specimens that are not here in the US. He also delights us with his sense of humor and ready wit!

Well, we hope you enjoy this snippet of our life over the last year and a half, and we also pray that the Lord will bless you richly in 2007!

Love,

*Linda for the Bealls*

Bernie, Linda, Aaron, Sarah & Daniel  
and Josh, Kerin & Abbi, too!

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