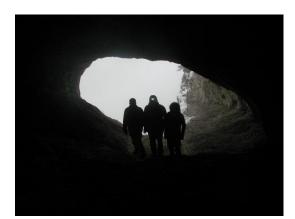


And (drum roll)—THE WINNER IS......



Rock Climbing is probably my favorite thing to do. It's something you can do just about anywhere and that's usually what happens.



Another of my top hobbies is caving. This is a picture of Jeremy, Zac and I at the entrance of a cave that you have to rappel to get to the mouth of.







THE COONS FAMILY ----- (#2)

The three months since the last newsletter went out started with a very important and long-awaited event, my 40th birthday! I can't say that it was an easy one for me but it came and went anyway.



Another long-awaited event (granted, not quite SO long)



was the groundbreaking for the Gilbert Temple which happened in November right down the street. Brittney, Aubrey and I attended and we just walked there because it's so close (3/4 mile). Since then, they have been working but we aren't quite sure what they are doing because they have a chain-linked fence up with a green fabric on it so we can't see anything. I tell the kids it's just a bunch of big boys

playing in their big sand box with their big toys. We do see a lot of dirt being moved here and there but that's about it.

Hannah couldn't make it to the groundbreaking because of allergies and Todd & Caleb were hunting elk with Todd's dad, Bob. That trip was planned out a long time ago so they couldn't miss it. They certainly had fun. Caleb got to

steer the truck for probably 8 hours so he thinks he can drive now.

We had Thanksgiving dinner at our house and Todd's parents and his sister, Tracy, and her family came. The weather was beautiful, the food was great, and a good time was had by all. That's the first time we have hosted Thanksgiving at this house. (Hannah made the apple pies and Brittney made the pumpkin pies. They were delicious!)



Hannah has been doing very well in Cross Country. She also tried out and made it into Chamber Orchestra as an assistant pianist. That's November for the Coons family.



In December Caleb had a starring role in his school play. He played the part of Mr. Dave, the janitor, and had about 25 lines along with a choreographed song with his class. Very cute! For our ward Christmas party they had snow brought in on the church lawn and the kids played in it for a couple of

hours while the adults visited. They had hot chocolate,

cookies, etc. and everyone had lots of fun getting completely worn Out. Seeing the lights at the Mesa Temple. It rained on us! Every year we eat at Pete's Fish-n-Chips and then go see the lights.

Todd and I celebrated our 17th Anniversary on the 17th.



For Christmas we got the kids one of those big spools to run



on in the yard. (Loreen says: "I remember being able to go pretty fast on one of these.") And some uneven bars to play on. Brittney and I (with everyone's help) put



together our first 2,000 piece puzzle. It was also our last, at least for awhile.

For New Year's Eve we went to Todd's parents' house. We made Peppermint Ice Cream and 8 dozen tamales which is what we do almost every New Year's. We had Tracy and Denby's 4

kids because they were being Ma and Pa for their Stake Pioneer Trek. Seven of the eight kids stayed up until midnight so it was quite a party. I am in a really fun book club of about 15 neat ladies. In January we read the book "Cheaper by the Dozen." It was written in 1948 by two of the dozen children (and is nothing like the movies). I loved it and recommend it to anyone who wants a good read.



Todd was in Germany on a work trip for a week. Unfortunately, he had to work while he was there! Such a bummer because he didn't get to see much. He did walk around a little in Munich and had some good food.

Caleb had his first Pinewood Derby race now that he is a Cub Scout. He worked hard on his car and even used the



woodburning kit that he got for Christmas to give it his own personal touch. We all had a lot of fun with it! We love you all! The Coons Family



And No. 3-----jeremy, tara & savannah

Here's a quick summary of some of the stuff we've done in the last 3 months.

Tara's brother Andy was ordained an Elder in November, so we went to SLC for that. Tara and my Mom

worked together sewing quilts, skirts, a onesie, and Christmas stockings. They also worked on scrapbooking. Tara also sewed curtains for our kitchen and living room. We spent





Thanksgiving Day with Tara's family and the day after Thanksgiving with my family. Tara's grandpa passed away on Thanksgiving. His health had been declining for quite a while, so it was expected but still sad. The funeral was the following Monday. On Black Friday, I got a miter saw and some other fun



stuff.

For my Mom's Christmas present, we helped her build the Christmas village that goes in the bay window. It's still not finished, but it's closer. One of my big projects lately (and still ongoing) is

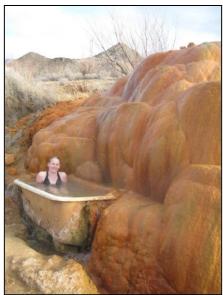
scanning all of the

pictures in the family photo albums. I've scanned over 1000 pictures, but there are still lots to go.

On December 11, Tara and I left Savannah with some neighbors and

went to Mystic Hot Springs for a quick swim. It winter We made a with a We also





was a great midactivity. ginger bread house family in our ward. built three sets of

shelves in the garage. We went to a Christmas light parade where all the floats were vehicles/trailers covered in Christmas lights.



We got 20 inches of snow in 3 days shortly before



Christmas. For Christmas, we had dinner with Tara's sister on Christmas Eve. Then we spent the night at Tara's Dad's house and the three of us opened presents. Then we went about a million other places to visit family.



We also helped with the word wall at my parents' house. It's pretty sweet.

For New Year's, we went to



the Dye



cabin and played games and hung out with friends and sledded and fourwheeled. When we got home, we discovered that our furnace was broken and our house was below 40 degrees. We don't know how much colder because the thermostat bottomed out. The landlord came and fixed it, but it still took 5 hours to heat up to 60 degrees. Brrrr.

In January, we've been working on Savannah's baby scrapbook. I built some shelves for the laundry room.

Savannah is now 6 months old. She's in the 1st percentile for height (23 inches) and 5th percentile



for



weight (13 lb 4 oz). Savannah learned to sit all by herself although she still topples over occasionally. We just got back from visiting family this weekend. While we were there, Anthony, Zac, and I went to Spanish Moss cave. I got to use the rope I got for Christmas, and Anthony and Zac got to use the ascenders they got for Christmas.

We're keeping busy and enjoying life. Hope everyone else is too.



Sorensens News from Wyoming.

We have had a good winter. We have had a few cold weeks, but for the most part it has been very mild. I always start at the oldest, so I will reverse it this time.

Rix is still going to preschool twice a week. He likes to go so he can play with Hailey, a girl from our Branch. They get along great, I think because he can tell her what to do and she does it. Last week he let me know he was inviting Hailey



over for a sleep over. I had to break it to him that wouldn't work, because we don't do sleep overs, and Hailey's family doesn't either. He wasn't very happy. Tom, the guy in charge of the cows, has twin girls about one and a half. Rix really likes to go up when he can and play with them, and for being a youngest, he is very good with them.

Dixon has perfect attendance for the first semester. He does good in school, and is a very good boy. He sits by a naughty boy on the bus, so we have had to work on some language issues, but when Jaxon gets done with basketball we will probably just have him drive everyone home, so we don't have to deal with it as much. The bus driver has tried to get him kicked off. Dixon isn't really an outside boy, and if he could pick anything to do it would be to watch a movie. He usually picks either Gilligan's Island or old John Wayne westerns.

Broox has a really good teacher this year, and he is doing better in school. He has a good work ethic, and knows how to work hard.

He is taking a steer to fair this summer, so he takes his turns at doing chores, and has been getting extra turns because Jaxon and Jancy aren't home much. I think he picked out a nice one, hopefully they will get along-because at fair time the steer is very big compared to the 9 year old boy. Broox likes to shoot hoops, and work with his dad. He really enjoys Cub Scouts.

Jancy is playing Middle basketball right now. the only one that hasn't last year. She

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is doing well

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She says she is grown in the wishes she were taller. She

this year, and gets a lot of

playing time. She did a science fair project on which forage deer prefer, and checked several different fields each night counting deer. She found that it doesn't really matter what food is there, the deer prefer the fields that have the most cover by them. She got third on her project, so she gets to go to a district science fair, and miss a day of school. Jaxon is playing basketball too. He is just a Freshman, so playing on a High School level is a little different. He has really improved his skills, and is getting to be a good player. He has seminary in the morning before school, so he is gone from 6:15 in the morning until 6:45 at night. He got his hardship permit which means he can drive to school and home which saves us a lot of miles.

I don't have that exciting of a life. I stay home with Rix, or volunteer at

the school while he is in preschool. We do laundry, and cook and clean, sometimes we do chores with dad. We feed chickens, and check eggs. Every week is about the same-Monday FHE, Tuesday-School and take Broox to Riverton for Cub Scouts, Wednesday-School, and take Jaxon and Jancy to YM, and YW, Thursday school and b-ball games, Friday no school, but afternoon b-ball games, Saturday- be home, ride horses, or work, and Jaxon usually has a game. We don't go to all of his away games. I am still YW pres. I



have good counselors, and we have a really good group of girls, so it is nice.

Aaron is teaching Gospel Doctrine. He is busy figuring out budget for next year, feeding cows-about 1,000 yearlings, 125 replacement heifers, and 400 bred cows. The Carney ranch has a treasurer that likes to keep Aaron busy. He is always e-mailing wanting him to show all sorts of comparisons from years past, and trying to figure the farming out. It is hard to explain farming and its costs to someone in Chicago that really doesn't know about it, but Aaron does well. He has to spend a lot of time on the computer for him, though, which isn't his favorite thing. That's us. We hope all of you are well.

Here are some pictures of the Sorensens we took at Christmas when we were there:







KATELYN for the ARIZONA BURNETTS

Hello everyone! Life is currently going well over here in AZ. We are enjoying our 70 degree weather days and remembering exactly why we live in Arizona. We are grateful that we aren't shoveling snow or cooped up inside, but

I guess we'll be the ones complaining once summer comes around...

We all had a great holiday break and recently got back into the routine of things. Dad is back to traveling, mom is back to school, and I am back to school and my internship. Christmas was very quiet around our house with Heather and Jon gone to California with Jon's family and Drew sick (which left Dad, Mom, Tiff and I). It was different not traveling this year for Christmas, but it was nice to stay home and have a nice relaxing holiday. New Year's was also fun. I was gone to St. George with Derek's family but the rest of the family had fun playing games and lighting off fireworks (they were legal in AZ this year). We still can't believe the holidays are over, but it was about time for us to go back to the grind.

Dad is currently working in upstate New York. He's definitely experiencing the harsh winters and is happy to come back to the warm Arizona weather on the weekends. He just recently ran 2 more half marathons, the PF Changs in Tempe and London's Run out in Queen Creek. He is basically a machine, but after this past one, I think he's ready to take a break for a while. We just recently went up to Flagstaff to go skiing/snowboarding and had a great time. Dad still hasn't lost his skill for skiing and we had a great time.

Due to the fact that Mom works at an elementary school, she has been suffering

through sickness for the past while. She had a great winter break getting projects done around the house and even going up to Utah for a couple of days to visit her Mom (Grandma Adams). Other than that, Mom is doing great and still loving working at the elementary school.





As for me, I've been busy with my last semester of school. I only have one online class and then my off-campus internship at the Desert Botanical Garden. I've been loving the work I'm doing and still can't believe I'm graduating in May. Just an fyi..my graduation is May 13 for anyone who wants to come down! Other than my internship, I had a great winter break. They gave me a month off from my internship and I had fun just relaxing and taking a trip to St. George, Utah with Derek. We hung out with his family most of the time and took



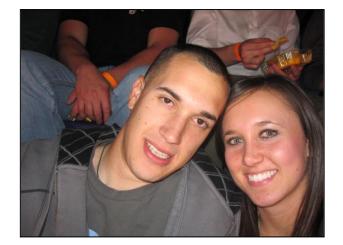
a trip up to Brianhead to snowboard for the day. The weather was beautiful and we had a blast. As of now, I'm getting ready for my trip to Disneyland/California Adventures next week with Derek and his family and couldn't be any more excited. I haven't been to Disneyland since I was in 4th grade!

Other than all of this, our family is getting excited for the Trip to

Oregon/Washington that we have planned for Corey's wedding. We're going to be flying into Oregon and then taking a trip up to Richland for the wedding and then heading to Seattle for a few days afterwords. Despite the cold weather, it's going to be a great time!

Any of you that are sick of the snow - come and visit us. We will make you some lemonade from our tree, and let you eat some of our oranges. See you either for Corey's wedding, or the family reunion.





AND-----The UTAH BURNETTS

Another waterfowl season is done. Cason and I got out a few more times in Dec and Jan. Didn't see many birds and got plenty cold but it's better than sitting around the house in the winter! We also got out to hunt pheasants a few times. Those birds taste a lot better than the waterfowl! Landon is enjoying cub scouts and is also playing basketball and has a good time with that.





Thayne is also enjoying playing basketball. He and I got a chance to go to a Jazz game. I'm in the middle of our church basketball season and we're doing well. We lost one game cause we only had 4 guys show up. And we haven't had any church ball fights!

We had a nice Thanksgiving day at Laura's house with everyone there.

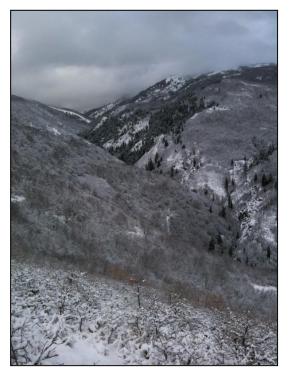
Kelly has been able to visit her sister Colleen in Idaho Falls a few times over the last months. Colleen is coming back

well from her chemo treatments and surgery for cancer and it's been nice for Kelly to be able to go



up to help and support her through that.

I went out archery deer hunting a few more times in Dec. These pics are in the mountains right above the Bountiful temple. Very pretty up there in the winter.



We had a good time at the family Christmas party. We went early so we could swim at Mom's before the party. Meg and Landon sang 'Blue Christmas' with me playing guitar.

On Christmas Eve we went out as a family and had Chinese food per our family tradition and then went home for our typical Christmas Eve activities.



Some of the kids got some rock climbing gear for Christmas.





The weather was nice enough that we went out on Christmas day and did some bouldering in the Ogden foothills. The next Sat we



went to a really cool climbing gym in Salt Lake and spent most of the day there (to try to get our moneys worth!) playing around. It was a lot of fun but pretty expensive and kind of far

away.

Cason had his 19th birthday and got a new job. He's working for a semi trailer manufacturing company. They work 4 10 hour shifts per week and his shift is from 3pm to 2am. Kind of crazy



hours but he's liking it ok.

He really wants to go to college and finally has a job where he should be able to save some money to get there.

Meg has been playing indoor soccer on a good little team. They play for the championship this next week. Meg will be 8 years old on the 13th and is excited to get baptized. Kelly got an opportunity to be a PE teacher at the elementary school where Landon and Meg go. It's good for her cause it's just 16 hours per week and right at the school where our kids are anyway. And she likes it because she does all the stuff with the kids so she gets a good workout from it! She does it for each class in the school so while the kids in each class get one period of PE Kelly gets to do it over and over all day! She comes home pretty tired but she likes the exercise.





NEWS FROM THE WILSONS

Dear Family,

It's time for the newsletter again and I've been thinking about what to write. I usually sit down and write an article telling what we're doing and then I get the newsletter and read all of your articles and think, oh yeah, I should go back and tell what we did the other months too. So I'll try to do that, but with all the kids gone from the house, Greg and I don't really do much. Don't get me wrong, we love it, but we really are pretty boring. I go to the gym and do my things around here; I've been doing some indexing and I make dinner for the family of a friend of mine every Monday. She has 8 kids and teaches Zumba 8 or 9 classes a week and I was worried about her getting stretched too thin, so I just told her one Monday that I was going to bring dinner over. She teaches a morning and an afternoon class, which

gets over at 5:00, on Monday, and I thought it would be nice for them to have dinner so they could have a nice FHE without being so rushed. They appreciate it, but I really love it. I enjoy cooking and it's a challenge to make a dinner for a family of 10 that incorporates all my principles of eating clean but still tastes good for little kids. Anyway, when Greg gets home from work we have dinner, clean up then watch something we have from Netflix and have our Pero, then go to bed. Pretty boring, but we love it.

Our big news that not everyone may know yet is that Jeff got his mission call. He is going to the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo West mission.



He will go to the Provo MTC on May 4, stay there for 3 weeks, then go to the DR MTC for six weeks. It sounds like it will be a real adventure. He is only supposed to take one suit, but he needs 10 short-sleeve white shirts. He's also supposed to take a pair of sandals. You can tell what the climate is like by that and by the fact that he's supposed to take 3 containers of mosquito repellent with at least 30% Deet, and 3 of

sunscreen with at least 30 spf. I'm sure it will be a wonderful mission for him. He came up last weekend to go to the temple for the first time, and he and his friend Steven, are planning a temple-hopping trip starting with the Salt Lake temple soon.

Brianna is doing well. She is on her third transfer and seems to be loving it. She is not the best correspondent in the world, so we're not sure what all she does, but she loves her companions and is very happy. They do a lot of

service, like going and playing games with people in nursing homes, working at a soup kitchen and other things. They also work with less-active people quite a bit. She has seen a couple of baptisms while she's been there too.

Rich is currently at FT. Sill in Oklahoma. He is attending his Captains Career Course there, which is where they teach them how to command a battery, plus how to be on the staff of a larger unit. Basically





the stuff you need to know how to do as a Captain. He has is next duty station all lined up, which we are absolutely thrilled about: Ft. Lewis, Washington, where Greg goes every summer for LDAC, the cadet training course. It will be great for Greg to be able to visit him on his days off, plus I will be able to see him when I go up after LDAC is over. He came to see us for

Christmas and it was so sweet and comfortable having him here. It was pretty cold and snowy, the way the whole winter has been up here, but we had a good time being together as a family.

We asked Amy if she and Tyler were going to do an article for the newsletter, but they asked to be included in ours. Amy is hard at work at Central Utah Clinic being a clinical lab scientist and Tyler is hard at work

going to school full time at UVU. Amy has wanted a dog, well always, but they weren't sure if they should get one because they are both so busy. She would always look at the dogs they were selling in parking lots and other places, though, and Tyler told her she should just get one because it would make her happy. This was very sweet of Tyler because he's not nearly as much of a dog person as Amy is. So she started looking in earnest and found a website for



adopting pets. On it she saw "Fluffy" a 12 year-old toy poodle who was mostly blind, had been neglected and had numerous benign tumors all over his body. Well, she knew immediately that she had to have him. She knew it would be some trouble because of his issues, but she wanted to give him a good home for the last years of his life. He hadn't had the name, Fluffy, for long so Amy gave Tyler the honor of naming him. He chose "Fedor" who is an old Russian fighter. He figured the dog was old, white, and a fighter, so Fedor it is. We had him at our house at Christmas and he's a sweet dog, but has times when he whimpers. He also came last week when Amy came up to go to the temple with us and he seemed much better. We attribute that to the fact that he now gets a steady diet of "people food." Tyler decided that the poor old guy isn't going to be on this earth for very long and he might as well enjoy it. He likes smoothies and cupcakes, chicken...anything but celery so far. Greg made him an omelet with cheese one morning and he really seemed to like it. Now I think he whimpers when he wants junk food.

Well, this still isn't nearly as informative as some of your articles are, but we are really enjoying life even though we have about 4 ft. of snow accumulated and it dipped down to -24 last week.



SAD NEWS from sarah and garrett

Aunt Leah and Loreen (and everyone) -

his

Just thought to keep you in the loop - Garrett accepted the job in San Antonio to work for the Valero Energy Corporation as an e-Learning Specialist;

official start date is February 7th. He will spend that first week in Texas, but then he will work at home for as long as it takes to sell our house. They haven't given us a deadline for this, but they said they would appreciate it if we were out there by September. So we are getting the house ready to put on the market. Meanwhile, we won a bid at a charity auction to have our basement framed (for a great deal) and another friend who witnessed this- who manages a drywall company piped right up to drywall for us. We have other neighbors with other skills: duct work and electrical... so I guess we are rapidly finishing our basement. This will be good for

a couple of reasons, 1- it will get Garrett an office to work in, rather than our family room (difficult with little ones) and, 2- it will allow us to list the home as a 6 bedroom rather than a 4 bedroom - hoping to get a little more out of it (as a 4-bedroom, the realtor will only list it at a \$35,000 loss to us, which is the reality of the market today - hopefully we'll be able to buy low too.)

Also, by finishing space in our home so Garrett can have an office, IF our home doesn't sell then we can hopefully pressure this company into accepting Garrett as a satellite employee and allow us to remain here in Utah. However, we are not too nervous about moving to Texas, we are kind of excited. The only big down-side is leaving behind Garrett's parents, who are winding down in life. But we will be able to come back and forth as needed.

So that is the update on Garrett's job situation. I hope you are all doing well - give our love to everyone. - Sarah



And finally---MOM & LYNN



Three months seems like a long time between issues of "Happy Happenings!" So, I'm glad I keep a summary-type journal so I can remember some of the things that



have happened.

Lisa, Jared, Larua and I took Lynn out for his BD. Have a look at that free chocolate desert!

On November 19 we were so happy to be invited to attend Meg's school for lunch! It was "Grandparent's

Day" and we had a great time! We found out what a smart girl and

good student Meg is (not that we doubted it.) Thank you Meg!

We really appreciate the Dyes for being such wonderful hosts for Thanksgiving--AGAIN! And of course we really did almost shop till we

dropped on black Friday! I tell you, Lana's Santa made a haul! Good thing we had a truck. AND good thing we went to Riverton for Christmas so we could deliver some of it.





Well, if you were a high-intensity sportsman and wanted a duck lure thing and waterproof shoes and gun stuff who would YOU get to go to Cabela's for a door crasher early Saturday morning in December. ANSWER-YOUR MOTHER, of course. Actually I had fun, got all the things Lawson needed plus several things to surprise Lynn for Christmas. It was great!



Lisa, Jared, Laura and Lynn took me to lunch on my Birthday, even though Lisa had *shingles*! After a good lunch I did something very uncharacteristic! I said, "I want to go to a movie." Lisa needed to go home to rest so, with Laura's help, we took Jared and went to see "Tangled." It



was wonderful! I was spontaneous! And Jared was a hoot! Lisa said the next day he was still talking about going to see 'Rapunzel' with Grandma!

I don't know how our ward decided that I was some kind of an actress or something but for the second time in the year I was in a silly play cast as a silly old lady. (Appropriate, don't you think?) We performed it at the RS adult Christmas party. I wore a Lady Ga-Ga wig and got lots of comments. As for me, I hope I'm done!



One of the highlights of the Christmas season came

when we took Landon and Meg to Temple Square to see the lights. Lawson & Kelly were with Tanner for counseling so the kids, Lynn and I rode Trax to town.





We got to spend time with the kids, including reading Max Lucado's book "You Are Special" to the kids in Deseret Book. L & K joined us and we had *all-you-can-eat SHRIMP at JB's.* Of course Grandpa was completely worn out. But, in

spite of that, we say thanks Burnetts for a wonderful evening! We were so happy so many of you could attend our Family Christmas celebration! It means so much to us! Everyone was so sweet and helpful and the talent show

made your Grandma happy & proud! Let me tell you how good it is to be the matriarch of such a wonderful family!



We had a great Christmas with the Sorensens in Riverton! On the 24th we cleaned the shop. Good job done.

I don't know exactly what Santa was thinking, but 3 of the kids got

paint-ball guns. You know what they're good for? Rounding up stray cows and 'branding' deer, elk and antelope your Dad has located using the old van, while the family and grandparents cheer him on his high-speed,





through the fields chase. WOW—we loved it. Playing basketball in the shop January 8—Went to see Lawson and Tanner tackle an inside climbing wall.

January 9—We were invited to Christie's Birthday. Thanks Chris! January 27 I gave a night Relief Society lesson on Family History and 25 ladies signed up for mid-week classes! The following Sunday 15 High Priests signed up for Sunday School classes. So, February and March will be very busy Family History months! I'm glad though—it's my *calling*, for goodness sake!

Larry & Jill gave us a great gift for Christmas—a gift card! Look what we got with it!



Lynn had the cataract on his left eye removed and replaced by an intraocular lense. That involved several trips to Bountiful where his friend performed the surgery. One more to go—February 14! Happy Valentine's Day! Which it will be if it improves his eyesight, and we're praying that will happen.

We love you all very much and can hardly wait for the 2011 marathon of wonderful Family Events!



Hey Family: It's time to think about the San Diego Family Reunion. Plan on leaving home Wednesday, June 1, and spending all day June 2, 3, 4 playing, then departing on Sunday June 5. Larry's in charge so we'll hear more from him later.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Conner Joseph Tangren

Born Feb 3, 2011 Weight-81b 2 oz, 20 in long CONGATULATIONS!!!!



Hi family! We are excited to announce an addition to our family!!! Conner Joseph Tangren was born on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011 at 12:15 am. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is 20 inches long. He is so sweet and cute and little!!! We just can't get enough of holding him and loving on him. Mom and baby (and Dad and brothers!) are doing well and adjusting to their new life at home.

We will also be having another addition - Cory and LaBretta will be married in a little over a month! The wedding will be Friday March 18th in the Columbia River Temple in Richland, Washington with a reception there that evening. We will have an Open House here on Friday April 8th (in between track meets!!). Everyone is invited to share this time with us! We are busy with plans and preparations!

We are all well and happy and busy! Steve has accepted the CEO position at his work - more stress for him, but he is excited about it. We are still dealing with Jared's blood clot, but he is pretty good about it (although he is getting pretty tired of staying home every day!). Life is good for us!

Love you all!

