

Happy Happenings

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Mom & Cynn:

Hi Everyone! Good News! I'm typing this with TWO hands! Yup, while my right hand still leaves a lot to be desired. I am able to use it for lots of things I've been frustrated about.

Thanksgiving was great. We had David & Shauna, Laura & Greg, Lawson & Kelly, Lana & Aaron and their families. With us, that made 28 people. Even though David offered to have us at his house, I decided that I'm the Grandma and I wanted the family at my house! Besides, if all goes well, we soon won't have a house! Plus We'll Be Gone On A Mission!

Cynn meets with the retirement people at work tomorrow to set the date! Right now he says his last work day will be January 31. I don't know if you youngsters can imagine how it would be to spend your entire adult life working (or praying for work if you're out of a job as Cynn was for several years) and then, voluntarily giving it up. Yeah, I know you think you'd like it but actually, it's a really big step. Life-altering as Cynn says. You bet! This whole getting-old thing is life altering!

We still have faith that selling the house is the right thing to do. We don't know when that will happen but I'm sure it will on the Lord's timetable. We have to retain our faith and be patient and do all we can do and it will happen! We're wondering now if we should try to get into a home before we leave for a mission. Just wonderin'!

We had a family trust made up. The trust is in the name of "Cynn and Leah White Family Trust". We transferred all our assets (not very many to transfer) into the trust. Then, besides the two of us, we named Lisa as the executor of the trust. That means that if we die, she won't have to go through any legal battle or probate where the lawyers get a big hunk of it. She, with your help, can either dispose of everything and split the money or whatever you all decide to do. We made all 11 of the children equal in the take. That makes the slice of the pie pretty small-oh well, the pie's small too. We're trying to do all in our power to get our affairs in order and be ready to serve when the Lord's ready.

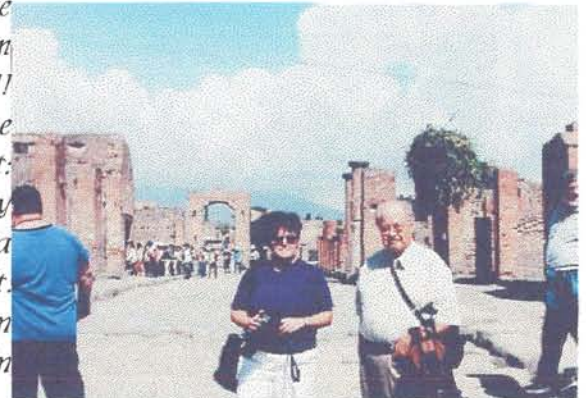
We love all of you so much. You're in our thoughts and in our prayers all the time. Please keep us and our righteous desires in your prayers. Let us hear from you.



Here are some pictures from our trip to Europe. Top : Outside the Jewish Museum in Budapest, Hungary.



Poor Jews! They sure have been mistreated! Bottom left: Shop, Shop, Shop!!! (Cynn had shopped till he dropped!) Bottom right: Pompeii is the ancient city in Italy covered with lava from eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 ad., then discovered and dug out in the 20th century.



Lana & Aaron:

We we have had a good month. We have been trying to get our house sold & it hasn't been very fun. Aaron went to Cove for a few days & fixed a few things that needed fixing so the Rosens, who live there now, can try to get financing to buy it. Hopefully it will all work out. I guess we all need trials & I would rather have this than lots of other things.

The kids are all doing well. Jaxon & Jancy love school. We went to Mom & Lynn's for Thanksgiving. Jancy is really looking forward to Christmas & has already written her letter to Santa saying she wants Princess clothes. Jaxon keeps wondering when his birthday is because he wants to be 6 like some of the other kids in his class. "5 months" is a hard thing for a five-year-old to understand.

Aaron got a new female Border Collie from Missouri. He had to go to Rock Springs to pick it up. Hopefully he will really like her. He is doing Elk hunting again up by Yellowstone. Hopefully the bears will be hibernating, because people say they are everywhere.

I'm trying to get used to my new calling. We had Super Saturday yesterday & it turned out good. We had an ultrasound to see the baby. They couldn't tell what it was, though, because it had its hand covering the spot the whole time. He said he would guess it was a girl, because if it were a boy, you should be able to see some parts showing around the hand. Oh, well - I guess we can wait.

I got Jaxon's bus driver talked into bringing Jaxon all the way home, so that is nice not having to go get him. She said she'd do it as long as others didn't find out & make a stink.

Here are some pictures. Top left: Aaron and the kids with our jack-o-lanterns. Top right: Jaxon as an army man, Amberly and Jancy as pumpkins. Bottom: Aaron and the kids with his antler collection.



Happy Birthday:
Mom - Dec. 7
Jenny - Dec. 14





Todd & Loreen:

We had a nice Thanksgiving though we missed you all. We went to our friend's house, the Buckners, with two other families. Todd took the day off on Wed. so we had a nice long weekend. We enjoyed being together and winterizing the yard and outside of the house. We bunked the girls' beds and they really love it, We will celebrate our eighth anniversary on Dec. 17th. We are going to see Harry Potter (I have read all four books and enjoyed them) and go out to dinner or something a little more romantic.

Brittney's tooth is very loose but doesn't want to come out. She did a neat report on deer and for her project she cut two eye holes in a box and made a mountain, stream, lake, and trees with a buck, doe, and fawn inside the box. You put a flashlight in the hold behind the mountains and you can see everything.

Hannah really likes their new bedroom arrangement because she has a blanket hanging from Brittney's bed and there is a two-foot space between the bed and the wall where she can play. It's also nice to have more space in the room. They have a little desk and a few other things to play with.

We went to the mall and Aubrey loved all the Christmas decorations. She kept saying, "Oh, WOW!" over and over. That was the first day she said it but she says it lots now when she sees Christmas lights.

We obtained a free partial set of china and ended up selling it on E-bay for \$180!! The weather has been unusually nice. We miss you all and hope you have a **WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!!**

