



For unto us a Child is born...

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God's blessing and peace be with you all. It's been a busy year for us. Actually, it's been a busy couple of years. Since we didn't send out a newsletter last year, allow me to update you on a couple of the high points from 2016. Don't worry, we won't charge any extra :-)

In 2016 our oldest son Logan graduated from high school and his Nana and Opah decided to take him on a 4 day Mexico Cruise to celebrate. Missy and I tagged along, and we all had a wonderful time! Over the summer Missy and I were also able to visit Yosemite for the first time with the two younger boys - unfortunately since Logan had graduated from high school and was making his way in the "real world," he had to work and wasn't able to come with us. The

rest of us were absolutely amazed by the beauty of the park and definitely plan on returning to visit it again!

That summer we also met with family in Bend to observe Seth's Rite of Passage after his 13th birthday. It is a tradition that I have observed with all of my boys, requiring them to spend a year reading through the bible and memorizing Scripture, learning about their Scottish heritage, and then spending a night alone in the woods followed by physical challenges that they have to overcome. Seth ended up swimming across a very cold lake since Central Oregon weather isn't always very cooperative :-)

In July of 2016 Missy and Ethan had the opportunity to attend World Youth Day in Kraków Poland with around 3 million other pilgrims from all over the world. In two weeks they walked over one hundred miles, attended several Masses with the Pope, visited Auschwitz, and were amazed by the beautiful cities of Czestochowa and Kraków. It was a life changing experience for both of them.

2016 culminated with our oldest son Logan proposing to his girlfriend Katie Niece on Thanksgiving Day, and that should give you a bit of an idea as to what was in store for us in 2017...

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Moving on to 2017. In January, Logan moved to Boise to live with his grandparents while attending Northwest Lineman's College. Despite a pretty challenging time (which included totaling his car and having to climb poles while enduring sub-zero temperatures while sick with mono) Logan completed his comps, got his CDL, graduated end of April, and returned to NorCal to find a job.

Meanwhile, back at Camp Crawford, we had one heck of a winter ourselves with plenty of flooding and downed trees across our road and on our property. The weekend after Logan got back, Seth was confirmed at our Church and my parents came down to celebrate with us. In May, Missy's mom came to visit and we went to Monterey Bay to celebrate Missy's birthday with her. We had a great time at the aquarium there, and made a side trip to the Mission at Carmel which was simply amazing.

Around that same time we lost our renters for the house in Kuna, Idaho, and decided that it must be time to try and sell the place since the market had finally recovered. It took the better part of five months to get it sold, but nevertheless, I can officially say that after five and a half years we are officially out of Idaho ;-)

Our nephew Justin came to stay with us for a while this summer, and the kids had a great time playing in the pool and hanging out. We then took him with us and met up with a pretty good chunk of the family at the Oregon Coast for the week. As usual we had a great time with everyone, explored some of the coastal lighthouses, and even got to do some crabbing for the first time. The rest of the summer included the Woodland Highland Games (of course), time spent at Lake Tahoe, the Nevada County Fair, the ALS Gala Dinner, an eclipse brunch with friends (that thankfully didn't result in the end of the world), and kind of went by in a blur.

For Labor Day weekend we made a quick visit to Bend and Missy threw an engagement party there for Logan and Katie. It was a lot of fun to be able to celebrate with family in Oregon, and we even had the opportunity to visit Great Grandma Bowman while in town, since she had moved to Bend to be close to her daughters. Fall consisted of a visit to the Apple Hill Festival with our friends the Grays, a murder mystery dinner with our friends the Fischer's, a visit from a very large brown bear who enjoyed dining from our garbage can!!, and enjoying high school football with Seth and Ethan. Ethan unfortunately had to quit before the end of the season due to ongoing issues with his knee coming out of joint, but is doing a lot of strength training and looking forward to the track season and participating in a non-contact sport :-) Seth got a touchdown end of the season (voted as the number five play of the season!) and has gone straight from football to soccer which he is also really enjoying! Also, Ethan just got his license and is loving the freedom of the road!

December began with Logan and Katie getting married on the 2nd. It was a beautiful ceremony and we are very pleased to finally have a daughter after nineteen years of boys! We were extremely blessed and humbled to have family and friends who traveled from all over the country to make it to the wedding; including family that we hadn't seen in years! It was a great opportunity to catch up with everyone and make some new memories. Cherish your loved ones friends- and may God bless you and yours in the year to come!

2016 Pictures



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