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This publication contains the views of its authors who would like to remain anonymous, but it's too late.

The Foreword:

Some of you may have just gotten around to reading last year's letter and here I am sending out a new one. I guess the time doesn't go by quite that fast, but it sure doesn't stand still. We've now lived in Texas over 6 ½ years with no end in sight. Never fear, we'll escape from here yet!!

The College Coed

Danielle entered her first year of college this fall. She is attending Texas Women's University (I know I said she is a Coed, but this is a Coed college, believe it or not). She began the year as a Business Major, but is strongly considering changing to Education. She volunteers as a one on one tutor in a local elementary school and leads the children's choir at our church and seems to love working with children. She also works in a local Boston Market three days a week. I guess she studies occasionally as well.

The Thespian

David has found that he can take his ability to "Act Up" and channel it into something he can actually get a grade and credits for. So, he took Drama I as one of his subjects. He joined the Thespian Club. And he was in his first play: "**Look Homeward Angel**" this fall. I think he also found that this was an excellent place to find girls, though he hasn't really shared that part with me. He has taken over his sister's old phone line and number (214)317-2061, but if you call, you'll probably find it's busy. As a word of warning, if you're down this way, he has his driver's permit and will become a licensed driver in March.

The Nurse

Geri has completed her first full year in the employ of "**Ann's Haven Hospice**" even though the company was merged into the Visiting Nurses of America organization (VNA). She has really enjoyed working as a Hospice Care provider and likes the flexibility of working from our home. She works on call for four nights a week, so our schedules are not affected very much by her job and there is the side benefit she receives from giving care and comfort to terminal patients and their families.

The Contractor

That really sounds like someone who spends time with hammers and nails or something. But, it's also a term for one who sells his talents on contract. I'm still working for Expert Business Systems (almost 3 years). They still have me assigned to Frito-Lay and I'll probably be there for another year or two. I teach a weekly Bible study there and sing with "**Frito-Lay in Harmony**". I count my blessings that God provided me with employment and opportunity all in one package.

The Highlights

Geri and I got to go on a 4 day cruise to Cozumel, Mexico as an award from my company. We ate too much! David and Danielle went skiing in Colorado. David fell down too much! I flew to New Jersey to help surprise my sister at her surprise 50th birthday party (she's an older sister!)

The Visitors

Here's the list of folks who passed our way this year:

Apr 9 - Eugene & Ruth Pashley
Apr 25 - Glenda & Julie Justice
May 17-30 - Harold & Catherine Nipe
May 26-28 - Melvin & Mattie Pashley
November 22-24 - Melvin & Mattie Pashley
November 28 - Carl Leth

If your name isn't on the above list, well shame on you! Especially if you were in the immediate area. We are always excited to have company. Accommodations are usually available as well

The Word

God's visit to us in the flesh is the reason we celebrate Christmas and I hold to the knowledge that He is still on the throne.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

For though the fig-tree shall not flourish, Neither shall fruit be in the vines; The labor of the olive shall fail, And the fields shall yield no food; The flock shall be cut off from the fold, And there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in Jehovah, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength; And he maketh my feet like hinds' [feet], And will make me to walk upon my high places.

Zephaniah 3:11-20

In that day shalt thou not be put to shame for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee thy proudly exulting ones, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my holy mountain. But I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the name of Jehovah. The remnant of Israel

shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. Jehovah hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the King of Israel, even Jehovah, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not fear evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; O Zion, let not thy hands be slack. Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of thee; [to whom] the burden upon her was a reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee; and I will save that which is lame, and gather that which was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring back your captivity before your eyes, saith Jehovah.

These are two of my favorite passages, Habakkuk states unequivocally that he will serve and praise Jehovah regardless of what the world throws his way because he knows that Jehovah is his salvation. And Zephaniah reveals to us the great promise that Jehovah will restore to the faithful all that has been taken away by the world. What a wonderful picture of the victory Christ brings to us as our Salvation and Restoration. The gift we received that first Christmas is more wonderful than we can ever imagine. Praise God for His Son, Jesus the Christ!

The drawkcaB

Hope your family has a blessed and safe holiday.

From the Nipe's in Texas;

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año

