

# Williamson Wonderings

## Christmas 2010

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart;  
I will tell of all Thy wonders. Psalm 9:1 & 2  
The Greatest Wonder of all: Emmanuel—God with us!



### Longview, Washington—



**Believe it or not,** I'm writing this from our front lawn at midnight, where it is light enough to shoot

deer (if it were still hunting season) - and not just because they are the radioactive ones shown in the photo, either (they probably wandered over from the Hanford Atomic Energy Grounds). Okay, don't believe it, but Santa and NASA are both using our house as a navigational beacon—and that's saying a lot seeing as how we generally have 100% cloud cover this time of year!

Well, here are the year's other highlights, as best as I can remember them. Is the reason our memories get worse as we get older is it's God's way of letting us die with a clean conscience? Probably not. Anyway...

This year the Hard Hats' office computers seemed to develop independent minds and twisted personalities. Perhaps, like family pets, they eventually resemble their owners! Seems like we spend as much time de-bugging our technology as we do using it. How ever *did* people waste time before computers were invented?!?!

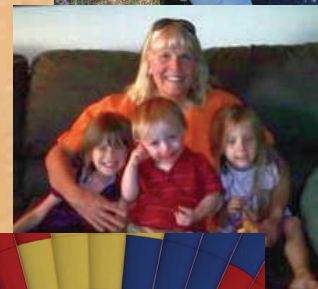
Ann and I have been doing a lot of independent travel this year. I went to California several times, and to New Mexico, Wyoming, and the Carolinas on business, while she went to Arkansas and Indiana. In fact, we

can't remember the last time we were in Arkansas, Oklahoma, or South Carolina together. Just to keep the folks thereabouts from wondering if we're still hitched, we're including lots of family photos!

We did manage to go to Idaho together, and had a wonderful vacation in Colorado in July. We can now cross "hot air balloon ride" off our bucket list. It was Caleb's 9th birthday (yes, ninth), and we gave him several choices of things we could do in Pagosa Springs. We held our breath (not quite until we turned blue), and he chose the balloon ride—yippee! Wish it was on the bucket list twice!



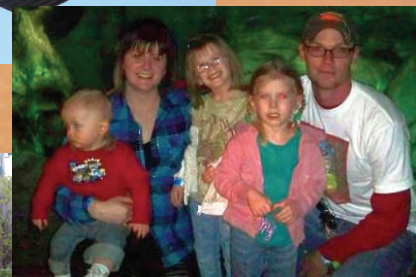
Being in Colorado for a couple of weeks allowed us to spend time with our five Colorado-grandkids and Seth & Tiff, naturally, and other family on Dave's side, i.e., Dad, Mom, sisters, nephew, niece, etc. Lots of family fun!



From the Top, then clockwise:

We three in Colorado; Ann with

Claire, Cole, and Shiloh; Up in the Balloon; Seth, Tiff, & kids; Nicholas & Sam (as far as we know, Sponge Bob is not related);



Claire, Shiloh, Cole (again); & more ballooning.



We got to have lots of fun times with Rachel's family when they spent a couple of months with us through the year. Justin is in the Marine Corps again and they are stationed back east.



Rachel, Justin, and the Boys

Hard Hats for Christ celebrated its 40th birthday this year. We had a couple of good staff get-togethers in Colorado and Washington, and the Lord added four new missionary units to our group, including a couple of young families.



JT, "I wouldn't be in here so often if I weren't so cute!"



JT and Elijah—Thrill Drivers

Of course *this* year, Jeremiah Thomas—"JT", got top billing just as soon as he arrived in January.

The home office expanded with more volunteer help, which is great! We are working on a new video presentation about the mission, which I think is going to be very effective. We could use a little bit of financial sponsorship to see it to completion. Mission-wide support overall was steady (PTL!), although we are seeing a natural attrition happening in our own aging (slowly-like-us) donor base.

Ann does the Grandma thing pretty well. With a nine-year old in the house, I'm pretty much still in denial, as an old Grand-papa, I'm afraid.



We had some really great projects this year, including one in Mexico City. One of the volunteers on that job is now serving on our Board of Directors, and his son is heading up the video project.

Who's old?  
Not me!

If you really wanna know, it's James Taylor and Carol King, that's who—only *they* don't

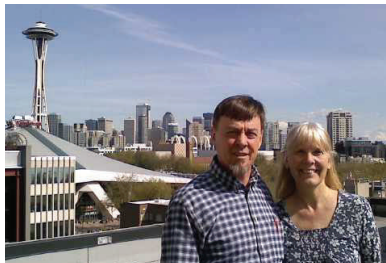


*act* like it! On our 34th Anniversary I took Ann to Seattle for their *Troubadour* tour, and boy, did we ever feel young again-(for a little while). More fun!

We saw the Potter Valley Bible Church dedicated this fall, after two solid years of Hard Hats work there. During that time several men were led to the Lord and disciplined by Hard Hats missionaries.

We want to be more intentional about mentoring young people into the construction trades as missionary-craftsmen. I guess I'll be getting some mentoring practice as we recently started home schooling Caleb. The Board approved a reduction in my hours (and salary) so that I can teach him in the mornings at the office. So far, so good!

Ann still works as a para-educator in the Special Education class at the nearby public school.



I don't feel so young when I crawl out from under the house after spend-



We so appreciate each one of you—your prayers and friendship over the years. We always look forward to seeing you when we can. God is good, all the time. Blessings to you all in the New Year,

*Dave, Ann, & Caleb*

ing a day working on plumbing or insulation or other things that have to be done so we can proceed to finish (someday) the addition. I have the stone on the front and the steps done. I have some shoring work to do underneath before I start the sheetrock. Hey, we're only 4 years into what Ann predicted would be a 13 year project! Now she tells me she was only joking.



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