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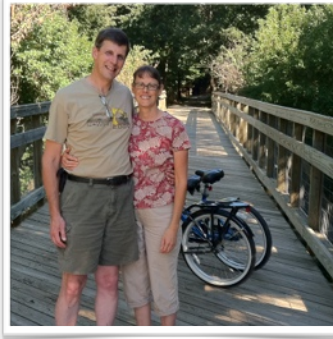
John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ... And he proclaimed, saying, There is One coming after me who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down to loosen. I indeed have baptized you in water, but He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.



Have a Joyful Christmas!

“To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heavens.”

This quote seems to have been our theme this year as our sons are both done with schooling and are pursuing work. It appears this ‘new season’ will be as significant for us as it was when these young men entered our lives two decades ago.



And as always, while we started 2011 with a seemingly empty calendar, it instead gradually became the account of another year full of rich memories.

Beth and I celebrated our 23rd anniversary this year in nearby Galesburg. Not long after, we presented Tyler with a “Stembridge Academy”



high school diploma—he’s since started working with a Christian contractor doing home remodeling, and seems to enjoy the work. Chad continues to build his freelance film production business, and is currently working out of Charleston, SC.



Our perpetual home remodeling project continues; we mostly finished the dining room and started re-siding the north end of the house.



Around the farm, we planted fruit trees and have a couple new faces in the pasture—a cow named Judy, and Mary, the little lamb (AKA our 2012 Easter Dinner). Oh, there’s the usual crop of new kittens, too.



Other highlights include being introduced to snow skiing, which we decided we like pretty well. I see more in our future. The boys and I also went on a “working” missions trip to help with construction and Christian discipleship at an orphaned boys school in a remote part of Haiti. It was a humbling experience to be in a culture which is so poor in the way of material things, yet so rich in the spiritual.

Finally, I passed the ten year mark in my job at Caterpillar. The work is challenging, and it’s nice to be able to do it from home one or two days a week.



God continues to abundantly provide through it all, both materially and spiritually.

We’d love to hear from you sometime, or if you’re nearby, please feel welcome to call for a visit.

May God keep and bless you in 2012!

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