



“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...”

With those words, Paul reminded the believers at Corinth of the purpose for Christ’s coming and of the hope we have in Him. As we enjoy giving tokens of love to each other this Christmas, I want to remind each of you that Christ’s birth was only the opening act and his death, burial and resurrection are what made salvation possible for all those who believe.

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

This year has been another full year for our family—it was really difficult culling down to the photos on the reverse side! Beth and I are still enjoying the ‘empty nest’ (when it’s actually been empty – hah!). Work on the house, farm and garden always provides plenty to fill the hours.

Our tornado-ravaged machine shed finally got rebuilt (in the dead of winter, which saw temps down to -24°F), and while we had no major damage, a freak hail-storm took out most of the garden right when it was at peak production this summer.

Our 2012 calf went in the freezer in January. We sold Judy (her breeding didn’t take) and got a new bred cow (Gertrude) who had her calf (Ellen) a few weeks after we got her. We also enjoyed watching a mama fox raise a litter of kits in one of our outbuildings this Spring.

We did a lot of travel this year, too, with Ed making five trips to Georgia as his Dad’s dementia continues to strip away memory. One trip was for the funeral of his grandmother, who passed just a month shy of her 105th birthday. Beth again helped at her brother’s camp in WV and went to a training class in MI. Ed & Beth enjoyed a trip to FL to celebrate her Dad’s 80th birthday, as well as a trip to the Creation Museum in KY with several other families from our church assembly.

Chad & Samantha made the six-hour drive up from Southern IL numerous times as he wrapped up video work for several clients in our area. When it became apparent by late Fall that he wasn’t going to be able to get much local work near them, they decided to move to Charleston, SC where his close friend lives, and where prospects for work are better.

Finally, Tyler still enjoys working for the Hungarian Handyman, and recently moved his horses to his bosses’ pasture where he can ride Oakey more often.

We pray the Lord’s blessings for you in 2015!

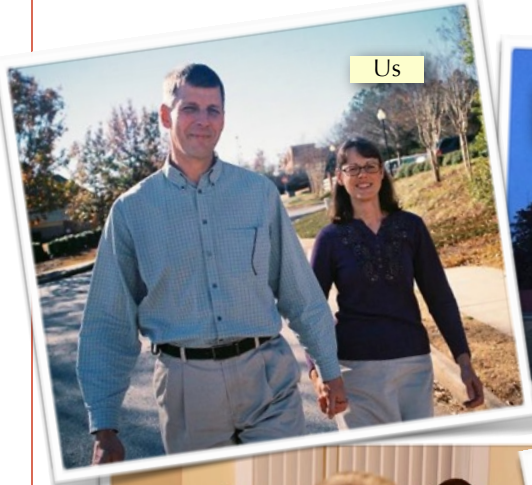
With our love, *Ed & Beth*



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Christmas 2014



Chad & Ty



Winter Chore Time



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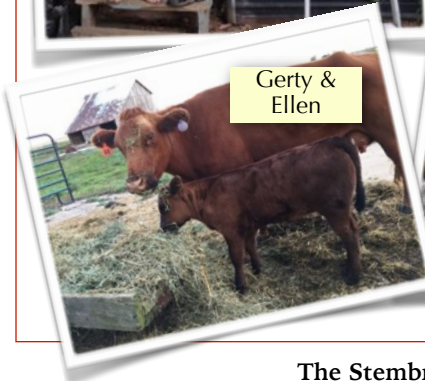
Ty, Oakey
& Spirit



Three Generations



Chad &
Samantha



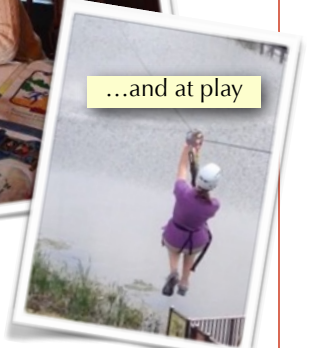
Gerty &
Ellen



Docking
Station



Beth at work...



...and at play

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