

Thanks be unto God  
for his unspeakable gift!

~2 Corinthians 9:15



WISHING YOU EVERY  
BLESSING OF THE  
CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

Warm Christmas greetings from Peachtree Prairie Farms!

We just finished (as I write this the evening of December 3) a joyful celebration of our eldest son's 19th birthday, with snow blowing hard outside and temps dropping through the 20s to a low of around 9° tonight. We've much to be thankful for at the end of 2008, especially the warmth of an old farmhouse!

What a year of transition it's been. Chad completed (and graduated from) home-school high school back in January, although it took us until June to have a formal ceremony. I should have given Beth a diploma, too, as she had to learn it all right along with Chad - she's a real trooper! Chad will be continuing his education in film production from our home over the next few years - his work is already being recognized, and his most recent project, *Precious Treasure*, is currently a semi-finalist in the 2009 San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival. You can read more about the film at Chad's website: [www.stembridgemill.com](http://www.stembridgemill.com).

Tyler turned 16 back in October and is taking Driver's Ed. classes at the local public high school. Illinois requires 50 hours of dual driving time before granting a license, so he's bugging us to let him drive

everywhere, and has shown good judgement behind the wheel so far. He also continues to manage all our livestock, including a rapidly growing contingent of felines (who better start catching more mice, quick!).

Beth and I are doing fine, and find plenty to keep us busy around the farm. We had a bumper crop of peaches and apples this year, so we'll be enjoying Beth's kitchen skills for months to come. Caterpillar had me hopping on a number of brand related projects all year, and working around the farm and on the house consumed most of the rest of my 'spare' time. If you have an hour to kill, stop by our web site and poke through the Archives for more details...our home is always open for visits, too.

This annual 'catch up' letter is an invitation for you to write back and let us know what's going on in your lives. We pray each week for everyone who sends a card or letter to us around Christmas, and it's a blessing to hear back from everyone.

Lord bless and keep you in 2009!

With our love, The Stembridges





# Christmas is a family affair



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how does your garden grow?



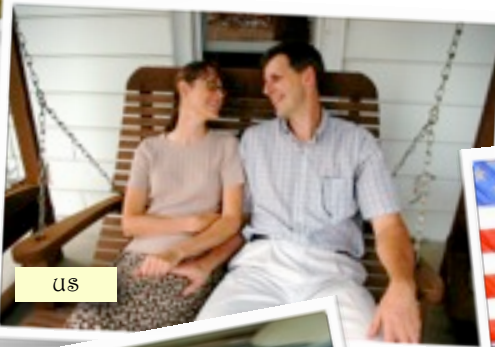
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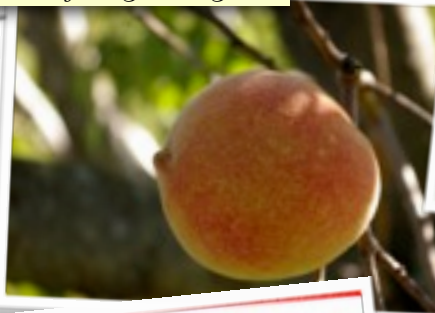
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