



“On the Road with the Marshalls”

...Wow, another year has escaped us; however, not without some events that has made a few changes in the way we live. Slowed us down somewhat!

I don't know how you feel when you receive “news” from your friends and all the happenings that took place seemed to make things all “hunky and dory” and there were never any things that kinda “rocked their boats” even a little! Not so here... In the Kansas City metro area, the Royals are still trying to “make it,” and the KC Chiefs thought a better season was ahead for them, still a little over 50% wins with a number of games to go. We'll see!

Anyway I thought I would get started on reporting on what has happened within the Marshall household this past year and looking ahead into 2007!

Welcome Baby Landen

Landen has brought lots of joy to the Marshall Clan. Landen Gage Newton, son of

Jami and Chris, and grandson of Larry, our “grandpa son!”

Jacey and Hunter are sure proud of their little brother, and so are his parents, grandparents and great-grandparents! We spent some time with them at our family gathering for an early Christmas.

Jami has just launched a website for her business, *Electric Entertainment*. www.eekaraoke.com/.

OPAH!!

You really should hear Tasso, Jason and Karissa talk to each other in Greek! Why? Tasso has been to Greece many times and is quite fluent in the language. Well, Jason and Karissa just returned from spending almost a year on vacation, meeting members of Tasso's family in Athens and learning the Greek language! (Oh, they did spend some time on temporary jobs!) They (the three of them) enjoy this new experience. Ya all do know Tasso's daddy is Greek, don't you?? By the way, WELCOME home, you two travelers, who are about to settle down in Tennessee!

Well, let's get down this “road” a little more and find some more exciting things that happened! Among them is that Janet became a “grandma!”

Maybe I had better explain. She has taken a job with “Grandma's House,” which is a program to help mothers who have been

incarcerated and delivered their babies after entering prison. These little people are cared for at “Grandma's House” by 3 staff members, assisted by volunteers who work in caring for these babies, which makes Janet a “grandma”! Currently they have 3 “resident babies” with one soon to return to his mamma!

I get to be “grandpa” on Friday nights. I usually take our supper out there and help rock these little guys. Janet is my “boss” (a good one) and lets me feed the oldest, who will soon be 1 year old, and hold the other two, feeding them and rocking them.

This has one of the greatest possibilities of ministry I have seen a long time. What a needed “outreach” to help these mothers and their babies!

“Grandma's House” is an extension of Gracious Promise, a foundation to assist families of the incarcerated.

To make ya smile!

One Friday night before I left the house I told Marge I needed to pick up some rocks. She asked my “...why?”

I told her “...so I could rock the babies to sleep!”

Pretty bad I know, but it was not original with me...read it somewhere...

Road Block on our 2006 Road!

My Alaska Trip for last summer didn't take place due to a number of roadblocks. I

had my left knee replaced with a metal one that helped my knee problems. This took place on March 14th at the North Kansas City Hospital. The 2nd day after the operation, my heart started giving me problems...called "A-Fib," which put me behind in rehab'ing my knee after surgery, which extended my stay in the hospital. After I was released from NKCH, I went into Overland Park Regional Medical Center for another 5 days, trying to whip the fever of unknown source. I spent additional time following this with CHF (congestive heart failure). Other than that, all went well. By now I'm feeling well, and minding my doctors!

By the way, my nurse during this time was Janet. She has her Medical Assistant certificate. I praise the Lord for her excellent assistance and help during my recuperation. She is wonderful! **Thank you, Janet!**



Our son David spent 4 months earlier this year in our nation's capital working in a situation room. His family was with him a couple of months and they all enjoyed their stay. When they left DC, we were privileged to have them in the KC area for a week or so. Branin had to go home early, as he had work to do. Halee was anxious to get

back to Alpine because she missed "her guy," Marshall Holland!

David was successful in working off excess pounds, about 40 of 'em! Congrats, David! Mom sure does appreciate all the work you did on her "sonny-do list." The speakers on our screened-in porch are wonderful, sure helps the time to go fast while I'm on the exercise bike!

Tea for Two and More

Shannon, Halee, and their friend Carol Teague are busy getting ready to open their new tea room, **Romancing the Scone**. The grand opening will be in January 2007. We'll get to enjoy it in the spring when we go to Alpine for Halee's high school graduation.

Other Travelers

While I was recovering from my knee surgery, Marge spent a couple of months visiting Shannon, Branin and Halee in Texas. Larry drove down from Albuquerque to get her so she could be at Miranda's high school graduation.

Larry, Renee and Miranda took a trip to Israel in the summer, as a graduation gift for Miranda. Larry had the honor of baptizing his wife and daughter in the Jordan River. We praised the Lord that they returned home prior to the breakout of hostilities along the border between

Lebanon and Israel.

Miranda has just completed her first semester at the University of New Mexico.

Our granddaughter Kari Davis traveled to Guatemala on a medical mission and plans to go again in January 2007, and this time her dad is going with the group as well. Andy is content to let Kari be the missionary and he sees that Jaden and Jaxen carry on with their home-schooling while Mom is gone.

The latest from Alaska!

Our friends, Jim and Nancy Mercer have relocated to Anchorage and are busy working with the Muldoon Assembly of God. These folks are special to Marge and me. They opened their home to us back in 2002 and then again for me for 2 weeks in 2005 where they were ministering in Kotzebue.

And...then there is Camp AN where Jim and Linda Schulz spend 4 weeks every summer conducting camp for the Yupik Eskimos. It was at their church in Anchorage that I spent 6 weeks in 2005.

Camp AN is located about 20 miles up the Yukon River from Emmonak, on the far west coast of Alaska! Do I miss being up there? You know it and I do looonnng to go back! God knows!

We do get to receive the monthly Alaska newsletter from the District. Thanks Pastor Boatsman and Staff!

2007 Alaska trip? At this

time only the Lord knows for sure! Let's get Marge back on her feet and driving and then we'll see.

For Your Consideration

What has impressed you the most about this Christmas season? One of the things I have noticed is this idea of "re-gifting," which isn't really a new idea but one that has been around for while.

When God decided to "give" the world a gift, He did not even consider this idea of giving a gift that had already been received from someone else but He "gave" the ultimate when He "gave" His Son, Jesus to a world that did not know the true meaning of a "love gift." In reality it was exactly the opposite.

This gift is for the whole world, not just a select few. In the Gospel of John, we read where *'...He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* John 1:11-13 (NASB)

It is amazing how many people there are who do not take time to consider their relationship with this Christ of Christmas, who should be celebrated throughout the year rather than just a portion of a "season."

Marge and I appreciate the gifts God has given to us through our family. Some of

them we weren't with this year, but were by via e-mail, and telephone, and some we "celebrated" with earlier in December. Our local family, Janet and Tasso, spent some time with us over Christmas.

We appreciate the cards, the newsletters of our friends and family. Interestingly, I have noticed more and more are talking about "grand-kids" and "great grand-kids." Wonder why?

This was the 54th Christmas Marge and I have had. Our very first one I was in Japan and Marge in Kansas but the rest we have been together. Hey, folks, that is a lot of Christmases!

Just remember you cannot "re-gift" His Love for you, you can share it but only the receiver can accept it; you are not able to "force" it on people. Love is shared, and let's all do it throughout 2007, not just at Christmas!

Pastor "Ho"/ Dad / aka
Great/Grandpa Marshall

A Special Family!

Many of you do not know of our "extended family" of many years... Darrell & Cindy's family! We enjoy the many occasions of being with them. Cindy does special baking when we need it done. Such as: our 50th Wedding Anniv. cake, birthday cakes, Christmas cookies and then they invite us to special occasions to celebrate the birthdays of their children (Heather, Justin, Brianna and Paul) and their grandchildren (Timothy, Christopher,

Patrick and Esperanza) Thanks guys, we love and appreciate each one of you!

This looks almost like Chase!



We got to dog-sit our "grand-dog" while his parents (Kari, Andy, Jaden and Jaxen) were on their Christmas trip.

What a livewire dog! Buddy and Molly were not sure what to do with him. He kept grandma and me busy! Quite a dog he is! He lives up to his name...Chase!



Missionaries Terry and Danean Hull have completed their itinerating for support in mid-America. We had the privilege of visiting with them in Lawrence, Kansas and at the Kansas District Council last spring. They will be ministering in many villages, throughout Alaska, via hi-tech methodologies! They'll also work at Camp AN (Agaiutum Nune, *the place of God*) Bless you guys!

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