

A Peek through the Window for Sights and Sounds at Our Homes



28th Edition

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If you only have time for a glance, “one picture is worth a thousand words” here is our family this fall.

If you have time for a brief look, here is what we are doing now.

Howard - Senior Software Engineer for DSC Communications on a project for DDI, a large phone company in Japan; legal reform; AmeriVox executive director

Sharron - AmeriVox marketing, ESL teacher, children’s librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene (RCN)

Herb (27), **Jenny** (25), **Abigail** (2) and Benjamin (6 mos.) - Heart of God Ministries “missionaries-in-training,” Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Shari (26) - fifth-year teacher enjoying a great second-grade class in Mustang, Oklahoma

Shirlene (24) - administrative assistant to Pastor of Evangelism, Recreation and Advertising at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene (BFC), Bethany, Oklahoma

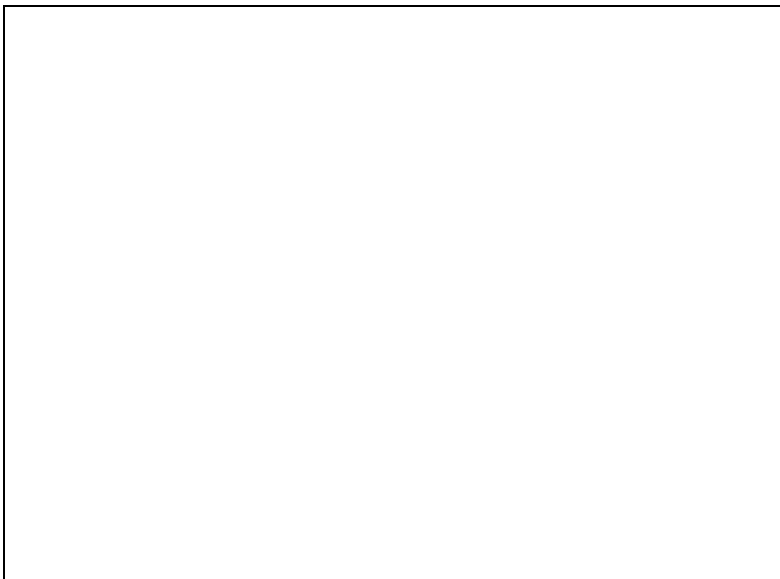
Heather (22) - senior elementary education major at Southern Nazarene University (SNU), Bethany, Oklahoma

If you can linger longer, here are a few of the year’s events.

The whole family caroling for friends with eighteen stops in one night last Christmas; enjoying “sewing circle” in the den; celebrating Grandpa and Grandma Albertson’s 80th birthdays in July with all of Howard’s family

present, posing for pictures in Greeley, Colorado’s Glenmere Park while soaking up great “cousin” time

Howard working fifteen-hour days on a voice mail project for cellular phones, moderating conference calls to several states and Japan; realizing he



Seated: Howard, Sharron, Benjamin, Jenny, Abigail; standing: Shirlene, Shari, Herb, Heather

needs to watch his diet to avoid symptoms of diabetes; reading and forwarding e-mail about what is **really** happening in our government (Send your e-mail address to him at halberts@spd.dsccc.com if you would like some mail.); helping Sharron reclaim their new yard from its former “jungle” look, planting trees, ground cover and flowers; putting windows back together she had taken apart to wash, and hanging drapes she had made; preparing for travel to Japan for DSC on Saturday after Thanksgiving, to stay several weeks

Howard and Sharron exploring north west Oklahoma, finding more of Sharron’s cousins and places described by Grandma Middleton in her life story

which Sharron is transcribing; Sharron reading to Howard (while traveling) hundreds of annual letters unearthed during our March move (If your family would enjoy reading your letters from past years, write “YES” on your letter or card this year. It will be our pleasure to send them to you.)

Sharron hassling with contractors on major home repairs at the old place, working at her desk and coughing from the dust as the house shook during plumbing and foundation repairs, glad for time away to represent AmeriVox Prepaid Phone cards at a couple of business expos with friends; hosting a dinner for her diligent and gracious English as a Second Language students before flying with Howard to Florida for an AmeriVox convention with friends

from across the country (Ask her for your treat if you find this hidden message.); greeting Golden Corridor Republican Women at monthly meetings; attending district and state Republican conventions; making hundreds of phone calls before elections; passing out certificates for 105 RCN children who qualified to go to Braum’s by reading at least three missionary books--745 books read! (Parents, thanks for reading to and/or encouraging your children to read.)

Sharron and Shirley Jean, her sister from San Diego, negotiating with real estate agents on the sale of the home place in Pasadena, California; meeting cousins they had never known from across the nation at the Leavenworth

Family Reunion in Leavenworth, Kansas; enjoying her Class of '66 PC/PLNC college reunion and spending quality time with her mother, Mildred Middleton at Torrey Pines Convalescent Hospital (2552 Torrey Pines Rd., LaJolla, California 92037--if you wish to send her a card)

Herb and Jenny graduating from "boot camp" for missionaries-in-training; studying culture and Hindi language in preparation for work in India beginning early next year; moving to a home with more space than their boot camp dorm room; buying supplies for life in India; having more garage sales; staying at Shari's apartment during her absence in the summer; taking their little family on long trips to California, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia to meet with other missionaries and Grandma Middleton

Herb communicating regularly with people around the world via Internet; traveling with two friends on a three-week fact-finding trip to five cities in northern India video-taping as much as allowed to bring home to show to family and friends

Jenny making clothes for herself and her little ones; happily losing weight after surgery to remove a cantaloupe-sized cyst that was discovered a few months after Benjamin was born (Their address is still P.O. Box 7205, Moore, Oklahoma 73153--if you would like to let them know you will help them pray for the Lord's direction in their lives or send a gift to help with their unexpected medical costs.)

Abigail entertaining everyone with her first steps, "reading" to her teddy bear; wearing a tiny pair of glasses before surgery to correct an overactive muscle near her eye; saying "Hi" to everyone in stores; giggling **after** her picture is taken

Benjamin Herbert finally making his appearance on May 22, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz, measuring 22 3/4 in. after concern that he might come early and

then that he was coming late; smiling easily, entertaining himself by "garlixing" (as proud Grandpa Howard calls his "singing"); growing rapidly--about to catch up with his petite sister, Abigail, who is eighteen months older

Shari, Shirlene and Heather coming home on weekends to attend weddings of friends and the exciting Plano Balloon Festival, and to help Mom and Dad have two garage sales before their move to Plano--discarding and giving away 28 years' worth of accumulation (including 13 boxes of books donated to Southern Nazarene University and Salvation Army)

Shari driving to visit friends in Kansas City and flying to Dayton to see a former college roommate; enjoying great music in BFC Cathedral Choir; spending her spring break helping Mom and Dad unpack in their new home before **her** move to a new apartment in Mustang, five minutes from her school where she does her part to get some of the salt (of the earth) out of the shaker; sensing the Lord's protection as she drove through an area where a tornado had just touched down; driving to Colorado to work at Golden Bell Camp as she had last summer--this time for pay, meeting several "interesting" friends while there; teaching extra remedial reading classes after school; enjoying a weekly Bible study at BFC; hurrying home in time for long distance calls from her friend, Brian Watson, who is a volunteer teacher in the Nazarene school in Belize, Central America

Shirlene and Chuck Lewis, her friend, counseling for a teen retreat where paint balling and repelling were highlights; singing together on Praise Team for the contemporary service and several Sunday nights at BFC; painting her living room; refinishing a mahogany chest that Sharron used when she was a child; joining Shari in BFC Cathedral Choir for the Easter program with Chuck portraying Jesus--as he has for a number of years

Shirlene riding through a cloud of snow returning from a ski trip in Colorado; triumphantly getting up on water skis the first try this year at a lake party; excitedly white-water rafting through the Royal Gorge on class "5" rapids; spending the night in tents with friends and later with Chuck's family; driving to St. Louis for a reunion of college girlfriends; doing advertising of BFC events; scheduling all BFC facilities; coordinating weddings and Info Center for the contemporary service; again emceeding "Wrapped with Love," a holiday-ideas event for BFC ladies

Heather working at BFC with Shirlene (and other wonderful people), thrilled with being part of SNU Chorale for traveling, concerts, friends and fun, as well as being on Campus Ministries Council planning retreats, chapels, and ministry projects; glad to be a "kid" again at home during the summer having fun working in EDS Real Estate Department; taking a math class at the community college (ick!); being awarded the District Nazarene World Missions Society scholarship to SNU due to her interest in missions; being helped through the trauma of finding her first apartment for her last year at SNU by Herb and Jenny who shared extra food and supplies they have received from donations to their ministry; spending as much time with them as possible before they leave for India; working part time at a Prudential office in the Human Resources department; wondering about her future after she graduates in May

We sincerely hope this edition finds you enjoying God's Love in your life. We are excited about hearing from you. Please know that you are part of the "much" for which we are thankful and we are praying for you as we mail this to you.

Your friends, the Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron,
Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Benjamin,
Shari, Shirlene and Heather