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

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We trust that you notice God's blessings in your life and His Peace in your heart. It's amazing that the God who holds the universe together still has time for us! You are in

our prayers because we know you have had challenges this year, too. We appreciate your friendship and want to hear from you.

The Albertsons:

Howard, Sharron, Heather Albertson

Herb, Jenny, Abigail, Ben, Celeste,
Daniel and Ezekiel Albertson

Shari, Eric, Mitch and Mandi Earhart

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie, Andy and
Jacob Kazmaier

If you have time for only a glance,
here is what we are doing now.

Howard - in Plano; independent broker for electricity in the Texas deregulated marketplace, doing legal research

Sharron - in Plano; Life Chain state director; Golden Corridor Republican Women (GCRW) advisory board, ways and means/yearbook chairman

Herb, Jenny, Abigail (13), **Ben** (11 ½), **Celeste** (8), **Daniel** (5 ½) and **Ezekiel** (21 mos.) - in Boston, bursar at Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) in student accounts; home school mom; four energetic students and a cute toddler

Shari, Eric, Mitch (18 mos.) and **Mandi** (2 mos.) **Earhart** - in Eure, North Carolina; stay-at-home mom; pastor of Upper Room Assembly of God Church in Gatesville; two happy cherubs

Shirlene, Jeff, Lacie (6), **Andy** (3) and **Jacob** (7 mos.) **Kazmaier** - in Olathe, Kansas; full-time mom; self-employed architect; three cheerful learners

Heather - in Mumbai (Bombay), India; ministering to street children and women with Heart of God Ministries, planning experiences for missions interns



All of us together after Christmas 2006 in Olathe, Kansas at Shirlene and Jeff's home - front: Lacie, Daniel, Celeste; middle: Howard, Ben, Sharron; back: Shirlene, Andy, Jeff, Shari, Mitch, Eric, Ezekiel, Herb, Abi, Jenny, Heather

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

Howard helping commercial and residential accounts to save money on their electricity with Cirro Energy and Direct Energy; consulting on some new business ventures; doing extensive and challenging legal research on-line and in web conferences with countless others across the U.S.; dealing with the challenges of Type 2 diabetes; driving with Sharron to Olathe, Kansas to help when Jacob arrived at the Kazmaier home; updating <http://LifeChain.net> and publishing another GCRW yearbook with information Sharron collected

Sharron making hundreds of calls as GCRW ways and means chairman, raising a record amount and being "Unsung Hero of the Year," co-hosting a reception for presidential candidate Mike Huckabee; as children and pre-teen librarian at Richardson Church of the Nazarene encouraging parents to read to their children for more family time together – even if they can read by themselves; as Texas Life Chain director and coordinator of LifeChain.net visiting with 125 Life Chain coordinators in Texas and with many of the coordinators in more than 1300 cities across the U.S. and Canada, sending e-mails during

late nights to friends, churches and national organizations about this annual peaceful pro-life, prayer event on the first Sunday of October

Herb helping students at ENC and receiving an Exemplary Service Award; working on his Master's degree; coaching Abi and Ben's spring soccer team and Ben's fall U12 Championship team; rotating weekly lunch dates in ENC's cafeteria with his kids; on the council for Eastern Area College and University Business Officers as registrar for the spring workshop; singing in the church choir when he can; **Jenny** in her fifth year leading a South Shore home school group where she directed "Salute to America" musical for the promotion ceremony; learning a lot as a home school teacher; teaching children's monthly missions classes and co-coaching quizzing; enjoying Mom's Bible Study; serving on the District Nazarene Missions International council; **Abi** in seventh grade, proud to be taller than Jenny; in spring and fall soccer, track and quizzing; loving her piano lessons and babysitting;



participating in the Nazarene 30-Hour Famine emphasis with her youth group and going on her first teen retreat; **Ben** in sixth grade, playing spring and fall soccer as a goalie, running track, winning more trophies at District and Regional Bible Quiz; amazing his parents with elaborate Lego creations such as a Trojan horse; **Celeste** in third grade, also winning trophies at District and Regional Quiz; in soccer and track, enjoying reading, piano lessons and her first summer as a camper; **Daniel** in kindergarten, learning numbers, finding that reading is not hard and surprising his family with his computer skills; beginning track and soccer; glad to ride Ben's bike and explore outside; **Ezekiel** squealing his delight after discovering how to chase his siblings; repeating everything he hears and captivating everyone with his smile; **all seven** attending summer children's camp in New Hampshire where they quoted Psalm 139 at the talent show; enjoying Boston's awesome Fourth of July fireworks and trips to their nearby beach

Shari settling into her new "profession" as a mom, still teaching at home and at church; holding Mitch on a flight to Kansas to meet his new cousin Jacob while also carrying unborn Mandi; planning changes in their enlarged home after an August kitchen fire required major improvements, hoping to be moved back into the house by Christmas; **Eric** studying for final classes before his ordination in July, continuing sermon preparation and counseling appointments while meeting with contractors, cooking and shopping after sleepless nights [watch his story at <http://tinyurl.com/2hxpre>]; **Mitch** enjoying attention from neighbors and church friends who "need" to hold him, glad to be walking in the woods behind their house in his "boops" with Eric;



singing "Happy... Happy..." ("Happy Birthday") to everyone including Elmo, also singing his version of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" with Shari;

Amanda Marie "Mandi" joining the family on Sept. 25 offering another



opportunity for sleep deprivation to her parents but giving lots of charming smiles to doting friends and family including Grandma Sharron in North Carolina to help for a week

Shirlene stepping back from organizing the MOMS group at Olathe College Church of the Nazarene to prepare for Jacob David to be born on May 16, glad to be getting into her regular clothes and entertain friends; **Jeff** starting his own architectural firm, doing projects for his former employer, adding new rooms in their attic between his out-of-town



business trips and meetings of the Nazarene District Properties Board; **both of them** volunteering regularly in each of the kids' classrooms on Sundays; **Lacie** having a great time in summer gymnastics and now in all-day kindergarten at Christ Lutheran School learning Latin, singing scriptures, the names of the states and the oceans; singing in her choir at church; **Andy** having time with Mom when Lacie is at school, telling her after finishing a jigsaw puzzle, "I made the whole universe and it was great fun!" giggling and making up words, asking for another reading of all books at hand; dressing up as a cowboy, clown or construction worker;



Jacob watching his siblings from his favorite bouncing swing, delighted when he is the center of attention, tolerating his carseat during the nine-hour trip to see Grandpa Howard and Grandma Sharron for Thanksgiving



Heather spending January and February 2007 in the U.S. for rest, meetings, speaking engagements and travel; returning to Mumbai,

India to work with many wonderful organizations in coordinating six months of experiences for American interns in her position as team leader of the Heart of God Children in Crisis Training program; traveling to cities in India - Bangalore, Chennai and Delhi - as well as Dubai; enjoying living outside Mumbai where the India Life Center is being built to house and train Indian believers who provide families for orphans;



realizing after three and one-half years on the field that her desire to teach isn't going away; sad to be leaving many wonderful friends in India, but returning to the States in January 2008 to interview for international teaching positions

Herb's family planning "cousin time" at Jeff and Shirlene's in Olathe with Grandpa and Grandma for a few days after Christmas

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"The Lord bless you and keep you . . . and give you peace." Numbers 6:24, 26