



December 2010

Greetings in our Redeemer's Name!

My life as a wife and mother is never boring. Amid piles of laundry and a seemingly endless dialog with Cole and Logan. I'm reminded again and again of the Love of Christ. A Love that keeps giving even when there's nothing in return. A Love that includes soft moments as well as discipline and firm words. A Love that I'm learning to live as by the grace of God I look to Jesus, our great example!

May. As we stated in our last newsletter, May 10 marked the birthday for the latest Raber. Brooklyn Faith has been a very welcome addition, especially since she seemed to take so long in getting here. The boys have adapted well to having a sister, she gets LOTS of hugs and kisses! Cole has become quite the responsible oldest brother with lots of advise to Logan from caring for Brooklyn to feeding the dog to many other matters of life. Coles greatest joy is getting to go to work with Daddy. Logan is still Coles shadow and willing playmate but we are also noticing his own little personality. He is a cuddler and it is a very special thing if Daddy sleeps with him. If Cole is not around (which is seldom) he entertains himself very well. He helps Cole set the table most evenings for supper and is learning to count. Brooklyn has plenty to entertain her. =) She's gotten her first tooth at five months and likes to scoot around in her walker. She is crawling and finding her way into all kinds of things.

We're excited to see the close friendship that is shaping and the bond they have as brothers. Our latest challenge has been teaching them to do things with a willing heart, as unto Jesus. Pray for us as we teach our children to obey us, as we are learning to obey our Heavenly Father.

Here's a run down of our travels since May. **June.** Our first trip out after Brooklyn's birth was to Daviess County. After spending a day with Amos's family, we went to Elnora to the EBI for a youth retreat. Friday evening and Saturday Amos shared the messages and we sang some. Sunday morning service was spent answering questions that were dropped in a box over the weekend. On our way home we stopped in Kokomo, Indiana. It was good to see friends and share the evening service.

July was a big month because we did our vocals in South Carolina for our latest recording, He Built a Bridge. On our way down we visited a church in Kentucky, United Covenant in NC and Foothills Community Chapel, also in NC. It is such a blessing to see and hear what God is doing in the churches as we go. We spent Monday through Thursday at the studio, finishing a day earlier than we had planned.

August was warm, warm, warm. Perfect for Gospel Express to have a Tent Crusade in Daviess County. Amos also had a school reunion that we attended. On the same trip we also spent a Sunday in Arthur, Ill and a weekend in Holmes County, OH. , singing at the Living Hope auction while there.

An outside service in the hills of VA gave us good opportunity to enjoy God's creation in **September** on a Saturday evening. We spent Sunday morning at a little country church in the mountains and finished the day at Dayton Mennonite. From VA we headed to PA and enjoyed five days of revival meetings at Vicksburg Mennonite. We had been there before so it was good to catch up with old friends and make new. We praise the Lord for lives that were turned toward Him!

Our **October** trip to Holmes County was rather short but very busy. We joined several other groups at Berlin Christian Fellowship for an evening of singing hosted by Johnny Schrock. Sunday morning we were at United Dayspring and Sunday evening in Hartville at Bethany Mennonite. We were blessed to be a part of the Freedom Hills banquet on Monday evening. The testimonies of several Amish couples and a single young man reminded us again of the changing power of Jesus in our lives!!

November found us getting ready for our annual butcher day with our extended family. What a day! Amos was invited for revival meetings at Lamb of God in Butler, IN. We again were amazed and refreshed at the way God works through the promised Holy Spirit convicting our hearts. Praise God!



God has so richly blessed us, spiritually and physically . We thank Him for reminding us of our dependence on Him and provid- ing for our needs. Amos was out of work for several months at the beginning of the year and we weren't sure what would happen but God is faithful! But we have been learning as a family, whether we win or lose, we praise Him anyway! May you all be blessed in the coming year! *Margaret*

This is the time of year when people are again thinking of another new year and some perhaps making new year resolutions. But as children of God shouldn't we be thinking of fresh vision for the new year? Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish." In this context the word vision also means *revelation* and perish can be translated as *cast off all restraint*, perish.

Does our culture and church as we know it seem to you like it's in perishing (loss of restraint) mode? We all know that we are in dire need of true revival and people getting back to true Biblical living. Why is this not happening? Well, perhaps we've been looking to and holding our government responsible for our cultures condition. We can never ask President Obama to do what God has asked us to do? Matthew 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thence- forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." II Chronicles 7:14 gives the answer to revival when it says "*if my people* humble themselves, pray, seek my face and repent." Would you consider making 2011 a year that you purpose to seek God's will for your life and walk with spiritual goals in mind? We live in an ever decaying world that is filled with pain and strife. People are looking for something different than what they already have. What if God is depending on you and I to show them Jesus in our everyday life? After all, we are the salt and light of the earth. Lets be faithful! *Amos*

Summer '10



6 months old



Recent excitement



Almost 3 years old



Big boy of 4



December

- 9 Mt. Vernon, IL
- 10 Lathem, MO
- 11 Inola, OK
- 12-14 Paden, OK
- 15 Honey Grove, TX
- 18-19 Seminole, TX
- 21 Hutchinson, KS

February

- 10 Auburn, KY
- 11 Open
- 12-20 Pinecraft, FL
- 22 Montezuma, GA
- 23 Cuthbert, GA

April

- 7-9 Light of Hope Prison Ministries Mifflinburg, PA
- 10-13 Revival Meetings Mattawana Mennonite. Lewistown, PA

May

- 7 Shipshewana Mayfest Shipshewana, IN

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