

December 23, 2010

Hello to our family and friends and Merry Christmas!

Carl and I are enjoying the holidays with concerts and gatherings. Pat has had her band concert last week with the choir program occurring on the 18th and 19th of December. Carl has become an active member of band by doing the graphics for the flyers and programs this year. At church he has been completing the task of reworking the audio-visual booth and running sound for the choir concerts.



Preaching has increased for Carl as he is assisting four local pastors when they need coverage for their absences. Many Sundays both of us cooperate together, with Carl preaching and Pat doing music for the service. We have had opportunities to get to know the congregations on our visits with potlucks and picnics throughout the year.

We have had several trips this year with Carl's nephew's wedding in Fort Wayne Indiana on the 4th of July combined with a band festival in Washington DC before the wedding. Paul and Rebecca met us in Fort Lauderdale for a Panama Canal Cruise the last two weeks of April which



was very relaxing and educational as well. Later in the year, we spent Thanksgiving at their home in Annapolis, Maryland.

Our grandkids are old enough to ride their scooters or bikes over to visit us. We regularly have them over. This was the first year to go the pumpkin patch and to carve pumpkins with them before Halloween.



In July we attended the Luis Palau Presidents Council at the Oregon Coast with Matt and Amy and their family. We had the opportunity to show the grandkids the Oregon coast and the Portland Zoo.



Both of us are now working as Awana leaders at our church. Club meets right after the Ione Elementary School dismisses on Friday afternoons so many children join us at club. Our grandchildren come with either Amy or Matt so we all attend together.



Thank you for the cards and greetings. I enjoy opening up cards and reading news of family and friends that we do not get to see each year. There is nothing like ripping envelopes open but e-cards are welcome as well!

Please give us a call if you are in the Sacramento region. We have a guest room and enjoy having company.