

Hello

Merry Christmas! We pray that this letter finds you and your family at peace and in spite of the commercial buzz of the season, remembering that all this is really about celebrating the birth of God's own Son! May you find joy and comfort in that knowledge.

Well.... what were the highlights of our year? We skipped spending January in Florida as we had done the previous two years. Ken's (slightly unreasonable) expectations of balmy weather had not been met those two previous years, so the packing/travel effort didn't seem worth the payback. But now he kind of regrets it, and we are planning on spending January 2010 at Hilton Head. It won't be much warmer than Alpharetta, but the bicycling will be better than it was in Florida.



In anticipation of moving to the Greenville, SC area, our house has been on the market since March. Maybe 20 couples have looked at it in that time, but no offers were forthcoming. We are lucky to be in a situation where the delay can be tolerated. Our neighbor's house is quite similar to ours and also for sale. Having been laid off from his job in early summer, he has been working in Texas, living out of a motel room until he can get on with more permanent relocation plans!

We did spend a week at the beach with both Dave's and Lori's family in May. Dave as the Sandcastle

Superintendent made sure all the production workers kept busy. We also spent a lot of time trying to find ways of adding to the excitement of kite flying once it is in the air. Then in September Joyce's sister Lois joined us for another week at Hilton Head.



Ham radio, model airplanes, and filling his Zune (iPod) with music, concert videos, audio books and podcasts kept Ken busy between trips to the beach, Greenville, or Charlotte. Joyce's days were filled with scrapbook/photo editing computer activity and cross-stitch craft work.

Reflecting back over the year, we have again been greatly blessed. We hope all is well with you and that this season brings you joy, peace, and God's rich blessings.

Photos, top to bottom: Dave and his two boys John and Daniel, Joyce and Lori's son Brandon, Ken with Lori's sons Jeremy and Brandon, Lori with daughter Chelsea.