

The Connecticut LANYONs

HomeLAND Newsletter

Psalm 16:11

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is FULNESS OF JOY; at thy right hand there are PLEASURES FOR EVERMORE.

Holiday Greetings

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you our very best of a joyous season for Christmas and Happy New Year. We'd also like to thank each of you who have continued to greet and keep us updated from year to year. We pray for those who write and we wish to help you bear your burdens as well as joys. Your friendship is a great treasure to us.

Joy our 1998 THEME

At the rest home where we conduct a service monthly, our theme has been "JOY" this year. Many good ideas have come. The best received of all was the April message on Ps 16. We were reminded of the Resurrection theme David realized long before the Resurrection of Christ came. Those folks, quite understandably, exalted in the realization that resurrection means fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore. We thank the Lord that He has created joy for us and that we are able, in the midst of trials and disappointments, to attain and maintain JOY.

Health Trials

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This year we have had our share of trials to keep us thankful. Due to a business reversal for some of our janitorial work, stress brought on a condition of sleeplessness. This has lasted for months. The doctor has given a temporary solution with pills. However, the greatest help has been a choice to be joyful regardless of the loss and to spend extra hours in prayer. Just before our trip to the Bahamas, Chris fell backwards in the kitchen trying to rescue a full gallon of milk. The severe headache required a doctor's visit because we feared a concussion. The mercy of God and His angel allowed for the less serious condition of "contusion." With some extra rest we were able to go on our special trip.

Bahamas Trip

In 1997 we received an invitation from a Bahamian family in Nassau to come and revisit the island. It had been nearly 9 years since our last trip there. We scheduled the trip in May. It was one of the greatest joys of our marriage to return to the place Chris spent 12 years of her life serving. The churches there have gone through some great trials, and have profited from them. We took great joy in seeing their convictions and the growth of the people there. The hospitality of the Hoogendorm family who hosted us and the kind gestures of the Bahamian people will never be forgotten. We brought the



boys on this trip. We were glad we could share the experience with them. We pray one day it will bring back memories that could inspire missionary service for them.

Mom Lanyon Home To Heaven

We received a call from my brother Gary in Denver, that Mom contacted pneumonia in June. Her condition began deteriorating, even though antibiotics improved the pneumonia. Then on August 16 we heard she was laboring to breathe.

I knew that she could be encouraged if she knew our family would make a special trip to see her. We ordered tickets, and then called to tell her we were coming on September 8th. She heard and improved somewhat. But on August 26, 1998 she rested in final peace with her Savior. The airline graciously transferred our tickets to attend a celebration of her heaven Home-going on August 31 in a grave-side service. We believe that God does everything right. (Ro 8.28)

The Lord welcomed her after 86 years of faithfulness to her family.

Many from our church and family at home have sympathized. Though it is never easy to say those last earthly good-byes, we all know that she has now joined Dad, who deceased on March 5, 1997. They both surely reminisce that grand 65th wedding anniversary

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28

they celebrated on May 21, 1996, not to mention the great joy of meeting Jesus "First of All!"

Attic Renovations

The small project of changing the attic insulation which began a year or two ago blossomed to a full renovation of our attic. A BIMl missionary couple coming in October was sufficient motivation for us to try and complete most of it in time. We didn't realize the size of the project or how "one thing leads to other things." We are grateful, however, to have a reasonably priced improvement of the storage area and upstairs bedroom for our special visiting guests. It truly is an honor to have missionaries as guests in our home. We are glad to encourage them on their deputation as they seek to serve Him.

Family Bulletins

David is in 4th grade already. It does not seem possible. Part of this year's curriculum is to learn all about the state of Connecticut and its history. His book is filling with all kinds of facts and pictures which he loves to make. David also decided, with prompting from his Grandma Mary, to read through his Bible. He reads a chapter each morning and evening. He is in 2 Chronicles right now and is sticking with it. We are very grateful to God. His favorite games are "Connect Four" and Dominoes. He still loves to play chess with his dad.

Joseph is now in Kindergarten. He has learned all the letters and sounds. His books are colorful and very exciting. He loves to work in his books each day. He loves to draw happy faces. His favorite subject is food. He eagerly anticipates family Bible reading. Dad is often asked to read the

story of the crucifixion. He really likes to jump in the leaves and splash in water puddles. Joseph hides when dad comes home; then he laughs if dad takes too long to find him.

Dad often takes David & Joseph for bike rides and short walks. We go either to a pond close to a nearby golf course or on a walk down the railroad tracks. Sometimes all three of us go over to church and enjoy a video from the church library.

Mom is *always* busy doing something: Washing Dishes. Cooking. Sorting clothes given to us at church. Giving those clothes out at church. Answering the phone. Writing payroll checks. Balancing the checkbook. Ladies Visitation. Studying for Sunday School class. Cleaning the house. Teaching David. Teaching Joseph. Leading the cooking committee for the church Harvest Banquet. Devotions. Raking Leaves. Washing clothes. Hospitality to Missionaries. Maintaining missionary gift cupboard at Church. Answering all those sales calls on the business phone. Cleaning the house. We could add "sleeping," but we don't know where it fits in!

Grandma Wise is seeing much better since she had 2 eye surgeries this year. We are excited to have her coming up December 22 for Christmas and New Year's with her daughter Mary.

Truth Baptist

We both grow deeper in love with God's plan for this age of grace. Pat leads songs for the Sunday and Wednesday night services, directs the building cleaners, keeps up with the clerk duties, and oversees the sound room recordings. Chris makes the copies for anyone who asks. Pat has begun a study of composers and authors in our hymnbook. We are now on the 5th one. This has been a blessing to the people.

We treasure, *truly*, when you write. We wish you a spiritually prosperous year. It may very well be the year of the "**Blessed Hope!**"

Sincerely Yours Forever in Christ,
Pat, Chris, David & Joseph
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