

The Lanyon Family *Homeland*

Serving the LORD in *East Hartford, CT*

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Dear Family and Friends,



We surely would like to thank God for all the blessings He has poured out upon us. God is so gracious to us and to our nation. This year has brought its trials and its blessings.

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

While we have struggled with health problems, we would look to Jesus the Great Sufferer and Conqueror. The tendinitis doctors said Pat has is very painful all the waking day.

We have seen some accomplishments as well. God has given us new accounts, two teenagers as helpers, and a new vehicle. Our vehicle has been reliable on trips, work, and

school. Our old van had a bad transmission leak. We gave our old Caravan away to a church family. Now their large family can come to church in one car! We were able to visit our Ohio family in August for Chris in our new van.

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We celebrated owning our own home in October. God has graciously allowed us to buy a home within 3 miles of church, and pay for it.

We installed new ceilings in our kitchen, living room, and front porch during the winter. God graciously supplied a lift for the sheet rock through our church. We have a building program going on at church which is almost complete. It includes a gym, kitchen, and several classrooms.

Bernie, a Jew, has had a turn-around in his life. We first met Bernie in September, 1992. At that time Mom & Dad Lanyon were able to make their first and last trip to CT. While here, we met Bernie riding on the CT River boat *Lady Fenwick*. Bernie became our friend, and I began to take him to an occasional church service. I also gave him a Bible for his own. After keeping in contact with him through several moves, Bernie recently trusted in Jesus Christ as his Messiah. He recently turned 85 on September 27. This coincided this year with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year. He lives in a rest home about 5 miles from our house. He has his own phone and computer. He has stopped smoking for 17 weeks now. Bernie attended the Sunday evening service of our revival. He was saved that night, or confirmed an earlier decision made with our Pastor, Bim Rowley. We are rejoicing with him, and his decision bears the fruits of a genuine believer. Please pray for his spiritual growth. He is very alert, functions as a treasurer for the resident council at his home, and is able to rather easily walk to the car for rides to church. He does receive email, though the computer is a bit daunting for age and lack of

Lu 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

technological understanding. He can read your letter (use a large [16 points, e.g.] type font in your letter) if you'll send it to bmeisler_1@juno.com.

David is now playing my accordion. He attended "the Wilds" Christian Camp for the 1st time this year. His grades improved from last year. He is showing signs of real spiritual growth since his decision to confirm salvation on 3/3/03.

Joseph made Honor Roll this school year. He asks for the Bible stories to be read before bed each night. Last Summer, 2002 in June, on a Wednesday evening he came asking about making sure of heaven, and made a profession with Dad. Both boys were baptized September 21, 2003. Photo/movie of the event is at www.glorycarpetcleaning.com/pat

Chris is very busy with her grain mill and bakes with whole wheat grain. We enjoy a variety of breads. She uncomplainingly helps in all the carpet cleaning now which must be done until Pats tendons get more rest. Our Thanksgiving at the family who adapted us here in Connecticut, was a joy for us and we thank God for their kindness and haircuts. We also had two visitors visit us separately for two weeks each from the Bahamas. This was a great joy to Chris.

*Pr. 22: 6 Train up
a child in the
way he should
go: and when he
is old, he will not
depart from it.*

The severe CT winter of last year was worse than all Colorado winters. At the same time, we are proud of American Military since March in Iraq. Though much killing continues, we are glad to see real progress for the Iraqi people now taking place after decades of repression. Many Christians now serving in the military in Iraq, and Afghanistan can also be missionaries. One graduate of H C A, a Major in the Army, told the students in Chapel that every one of the objectives for Operation Iraqi Freedom is advancing, even though it is not being accurately reported by the Media.

May God bless and guide you as you serve Him.

Love in Christ,

**From Pat, Chris, David, and
Joseph Lanyon.**

