

Season's Greetings family and friends!

We began the year in California chugging along with Nate's new job at SpaceX, our church in Gardena, our homeschooling group, our Disneyland passes, and a pretty large pregnant belly!

We spent January getting ready for baby by rearranging the house, taking maternity pictures, and celebrating with a baby shower.

In February, we managed to pull together a fairy themed party for Hannah's 7th, arranged for Nate to go to a showing of Rent for his birthday, took the month off from school, and waited impatiently for our little one to arrive. Joel Alan graced us with his presence on Feb 23rd - a week late, at 9 lbs 6 oz and 21 inches long. Gram and PawPaw made it to town just in time to watch the kids for us which turned out to be a major blessing as Joel ended up spending four days in NICU with fluid on his lungs and jaundice.

March was pretty low key for us as we adjusted to having a new little one in the house. The kids did get to go on a trip to Legoland with Daddy while Mommy stayed home with Joel.

The Diltz grandparents came out for a visit in April and were able to enjoy some Easter festivities with us as well as take in some of the beach sights.

Toward the end of May, Mommy took the kids through AZ for a visit with our old friends and on to TX for a visit, then drove with Don and Carol to Indiana for a Henry cousin wedding. Daddy flew up there to meet us and we had fun with all the relatives swimming (even went to a water park), playing, and eating. We also toured the battlefield of Tippecanoe for some historical information.

Our homeschool got back on track in April with some adjustments for baby. We really enjoyed our social group and managed to go on quite a few outings over the year: these included a Vday and Easter party, botanical garden visits, tide pool tour, museum of art, nature days, beach days, history museum, post office tour, fire and police tour, Noah's Ark center, beach cleanup day, sewing unit, adventure playground, podiatrist office tour, Titanic exhibit, and aquarium visits. We also had monthly book club, book report club, and chess clubs. But the highlights of our homeschool year were in June when we had Camp Runamucka (a weekend camping trip with twenty other homeschooling families – including dads) and a science fair where both kids did a great job.

Also in June, we had two Arizona visitors planned who wanted to go to Knott's Berry Farm and our Disney pass was set to expire in August, so we purchased season passes to keep us busy for the rest of the year.

July was spent mostly indoors and swimming, but we did get to visit with the Heinsohns when they were in town from TX.

In August, we participated in our second Aggie Alumni beach bonfire as well as getting to tour the old Goodyear blimp before it was retired. But the most amazing part of August was when Hannah decided to be baptized! Praise the Lord!

September brought Lacey for a Knott's visit and a trip for our family to see the Sequoias. It also brought an opportunity for Nate to transfer with SpaceX to Texas. So three weeks later after some goodbyes in CA and AZ we were driving back to our home state!

We spent the majority of October in a hotel room and looking for houses, but Mommy and the kids did get to go on a trip to MN with the Diltz grandparents to see Great-Grandpa Henry and other family. When we got back Gram and PawPaw came and camped at a nearby state park and had the kids over. We've joined a new homeschool group here and are enjoying weekly park days as well as going on a few outings so far.

November saw us move into a two bedroom apartment while we worked on closing on a house which we moved into just before Thanksgiving. We also got to have some fun family celebrations including Rhiley's birthday, Benjamin's two birthday parties, Diltz Thanksgiving (with the whole family!) and Grandpa's birthday!

Our December plans include getting settled and unpacked in the house, a visit from Gram and PawPaw once we get our guest room setup, a Diltz Christmas in Tyler with an indoor waterpark, and a much anticipated Moehring New Year celebration with the CO clan hosted by us!

We have been abundantly blessed throughout this move and getting into the new house. We've loved getting to have more family face time and are looking forward to a wonderful 2016. We pray blessings on you for your upcoming years and leave you with the best news of all, the wonderful Christmas announcement:

A Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. - Luke 2:11b