



Merry
Christmas!



We've been in our house for two years now and we are still so thrilled to be back in Texas. Green grass and being close to family definitely makes up for fire ants! We probably see our TX family about once a month. We were visited by the Lunds in March, Schaders in May, and CO Moehrings for 4th of July. Becca hitched a ride to cousin Kayla's wedding in June and we all attended cousin Tyler's wedding in September.

Around the funny farm – This year we added some fruit and shade trees, a work truck, a second garden bed, rain barrels, and some new chickens (we hatched one ourselves). We also tore out a wall and added some doors and a laundry shoot upstairs.

Our regularly scheduled activities keep us busy but we enjoy all of them:

- Schooling and work on the weekdays, with some field trips and events thrown in there. The kids participated in an Arts Fest, Spelling Bee, and a History Fair this year.
- We all attend our church's Royal Rangers (scouting) program on Wednesday evenings. Nate and Becca are commanders and the kids earn merits and do skills. We've been camping a few times and have attended district events and enjoyed building derby cars and rockets as our major projects!
- Date nights on Mondays do not get cancelled very often. We trade off each week with a family with five kids and our kids look forward to it as much as we do.
- We spend a bit of time at our church. Nate is an elder and on the worship team and Becca does some admin and nursery help. We also have life group on Thursdays and various outreaches. We are looking forward to Christmas Caroling in a few weeks!

Nate completed a Spartan Trifecta this year by finishing all three of their races – Sprint in July, Super in January, and Beast in October. Work continues to go well and we loved getting dressed up for the SpaceX party in May.

Becca started her own business this August because she must have been bored! We've acquired two rental houses (and still have one in Arizona) and looking at a couple more.

Hannah had a Painting With A Twist party for her 9th birthday in February and acquired her first pet (and responsibility) – Kele the kitten. She is getting good at piano. She also tried out volleyball and has now played two seasons and done a skills camp.

Benjamin turned 8 in November and chose to have a party at a video game center. He loved every minute. Benjamin continues piano lessons and is going to try basketball. He also acquired his first pets and responsibilities this year – gerbils Jenny and Jessica.

Joel has been a bit of a walking-2-yr-old-whirlwind all year. He is an outdoor boy and so busy. He loves to go "find" the chicken eggs. His speech is finally understandable and he has a great vocabulary. He will sometimes sit still for books.

We have had no word on a matching little girl for us to adopt. We'll keep you posted.

We pray blessings over each of you for 2018 as we send our updates and photos.

- Love the Moehrings – Nate, Rebecca, Hannah, Benjamin, and Joel



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:2