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We have had some very fun and very tender moments this year. March blew in bringing northern Texas a very unusual snow storm. We loved the view of the snow flocked trees at the lake across the street and the snow covered chlorine duck bobbing around in our swimming pool.



One of Holly's favorite things about this year is that we've enjoyed visits from family: Jerry Toomey, Joe Toomey, Sharon Wood, and the Wade and Blackham families, and Micah Shenk. We love seeing you

and extend a big Texas invitation to all family and friends to come see us.

Our summer vacation took us to the states of Washington and Utah. Christmas break took us to San Antonio to the Alamo. We had both fun and heartfelt experiences on our vacations.

In October, David left to serve a two year volunteer LDS mission in the Idaho Boise Mission. With Marcia moving in August and David leaving in October, the house is much quieter these days.

At 16 years and 6' 1/2", Jonathan's favorite memory this year was summer vacation (all of it). Most of all, he enjoyed making pointless, but very funny, home videos with our friend, Micah, and water skiing for the first time in his life.



Goals and accomplishments focus on school, as Jonathan feels that passing 10th grade was a major accomplishment. His current goals are to pass the 11th grade and cope well with big stresses, like learning to drive and recovering from an Appendectomy.



Andrew (13) is currently working on being a great photographer for his school yearbook. He also plans to learn how to play guitar, so he can join a band of friends. Recently he accompanied Harold to Houston on business. After Harold finished work, Andrew and Harold had tons of fun at the Johnson Space Center. Andrew loved spending time with

his friend, Micah, during summer and Christmas vacations. Crashing an ATV, at the Toomey reunion, was also a memorable moment. ("It wasn't my fault!") Getting a cell phone, with touch screen, keyboard, internet and TV, and being able to help a dear friend through a difficult time were also very awesome.



Heather (9) is a very reflective young lady. She is always thinking about the future and surprising us with her insights. She was awarded the "Science Curiosity" award in her 2nd grade class. Her favorite experience this year was when her Sunday school teacher "told us to

imagine what it would be like to see that nice light that came after the Son of God came down and you could finally see light, and I started to cry of pure happiness."

Her thoughtful nature can sometimes be a problem. That's why one of her goals is to not daydream in school. She would like everyone to know "it's not necessarily all about me, but daydreaming IS SO FUN!" She is also working on keeping a clean bed room and eating a healthy diet.

David (20) loved both of the family reunions we had this summer and will forever remember going to the LDS temple every week.



Another one of his favorite memories is the Domestic Dispute he and his mom had on the side of the road in Wyoming. This also included his most embarrassing moment of the year, because the van ran out of gas in the "middle of nowhere" while he was behind the wheel and Mom and Dad were both napping. He pulled off the road, and Harold called AAA for gasoline to be brought to us. David and Holly decided to practice for their upcoming Taekwondo test while waiting. In the quickly setting sun, a Good Samaritan saw the practice, thought they were really fighting each other, and called Highway Patrol. The highway patrolman was both relieved and amused upon finding out what really happened when he caught up with us at the gas station following "the incident."

David will never forget earning his 2nd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. He tested for it in Utah this summer while we were on vacation. This was one of two of his major accomplishments of 2008.

His other major accomplishment was leaving for a 2 year LDS mission. His current goal is serving an honorable mission in the Idaho Boise Mission.

In the future, one of his goals remains writing a realistic fiction book. He'd also like to add that "James E. Talmage is an awesome author!"

Harold (44) loves Texas and still camps every month with the scout troop. He also actually finished his wife's "honey-do" list.

Even though Harold travelled to England, Malaysia and India, his favorite experience was being without cell phone coverage or internet while at a cabin in Washington for 10 days, and being the "favorite uncle" at the cabin. (The treats he gave out didn't hurt any.)

Harold's big accomplishments this year were helping sell \$7 million of his security product in one business trip, and on another trip, deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico with young men in our church youth group and feasting on 52 fresh fish!

Holly thinks Harold's greatest accomplishment was surviving 3 digestive health surgeries in 10 days, including large stones in each kidney. Ouch!

Currently Harold is working on supporting a full-time missionary and surviving his teenage boys.



Holly (20☺) loves the Domestic Dispute in Wyoming story. She also enjoyed watching David and his cousin, Mitch, share the experience of preparing for missions at the same time. Most of all she appreciated time spent with friends and family.

Earlier this year, Holly was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. She is thankful to her friend who nominated her for that honor. Her major accomplishments this year were earning her 3rd Degree Black Belt and not crying like a baby while saying "good-bye" to David at the Missionary Training Center.

Currently, Holly is working on writing to more than one missionary once a week, improving her health, and reorganizing.

As the years go by we realize more and more the hand of our Savior in our lives. He blesses us greatly in so many ways, that we are forever in His debt. One way He has blessed us is with wonderful friends and family.

Thank you for being a part of our lives. Please let us know how you are doing.

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