

## Dear Family and Friends,

We entered 2011 being reminded of the need to bring glory to God in all we do. Isaiah 43:7 tells us we were created for God's glory just as Isaiah was. God's love must so permeate our motives that all we do will be for His glory (1 Cor.10:31).

Together, we want our family to honor God. As we strolled the beaches of Marco Island last December, we were amazed at our Awesome Creator. Starfish, sand dollars, shells of all kinds, and beautiful sunsets are only part of what God has made. Back at our earthly home, while watching various kinds of birds feeding from our provision over winter, we remember we are more special to God than even the sparrow (Matthew 10:29-31). He called us to a new venture: our family is hosting a house fellowship. We desire to encourage each other through sharing Scripture, worship, and prayer. On Easter Sunday we invited our neighbors to a sunrise celebration (thanks Cleson) followed by breakfast and relaxing fellowship. God Himself is the essence of Truth (movie Time Changer), and He cannot be separated from Truth. We pray each week that God will bring to us the people He chooses.



Together, we spent a delightful half day at Ski Roundtop! Mariah started skiing downhill on her own. Paige was satisfied holding Daddy's hand while skiing.

Spring means girls anxious to help their dad plant garden, hiking, and yard sales (and loot!); God helped us find an antique 6 person inflatable raft with a detachable motor mount. We tent camped at Greenwood Furnace State Park and learned about snakes (it was a snaky summer, twice Karen met one in the basement, and once outside). We rafted on Whipple Dam before our special annual visit to State College for David's lab association meetings.



Father's Day we floated lazily through Swatara State Park

Summer brought strawberry picking and lots of swimming. God gave us time to come apart and rest again rafting Pine

## 2011 Report

Creek and biking the PA Grand Canyon (even staying dry under plastic during showers on the Rail Trail). We renewed friendships in western Maryland, biking, fireworks, and reminiscing. Our first Fresh Air girl



(from the Bronx) stretched us but made memories, especially sharing God's love. Dutchman's Paradise did not disappoint us, with swimming and tent camping before Storm Irene. Ag Bags and soap and water made a fantastic budget waterslide in our backyard.



In autumn, hiking the Pinnacle & Pulpit Rock almost kept us in the woods after dark. The Lickdale Rail Trail, Blue Marsh, Governor Dick, and the abandoned Creamery Lane along Tulpehocken Creek in our back yard got us out



to enjoy crunching the leaves.

Mariah & Paige experienced 2 local Vacation Bible Schools. Ma and Pa Zook took the grandchildren

to Knoebel's camping and playing. David and I laughed a lot while on a Great Date Night with several other couples; Mark Cable entertained with singing along with desserts and coffee. David and I enjoyed the colorful leaves of VA when attending Caleb & Olga's wedding reception along with our friend Steve.

David was challenged in a Lead Like Jesus leadership seminar. Cheers to David for pursuing and getting his bus license. He chauffeured several field trips for the Bethel



Dunkard School students including a trip to Gettysburg, Lehigh Valley Zoo, and the aquarium in Camden, NJ. Rafting the Lehigh River was an adventure for David, my nephew, and my brother. David continues as technical director at Pure Test Water Lab. He just passed another part of the exam to be certified to test milk! He is teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Elco Released Time Bible Program. He continues to encourage other men in their walk with the Lord.



Obtaining my bus license was quite a feat. Thanks to my dear husband David for all his coaching and encouragement! Now I can transport school students to and from Released

Time. I also hope to carry some field trips for Bethel Dunkard Brethren School where Mariah attends. Being



a part of a local ladies Bible study is a tremendous blessing in my life. Having six inches of snow for my birthday at the end of October was a real treat! The girls and I spent many hours outside sledding and building

snowmen.

Mariah (7) started out 2011 beginning piano lessons. She is doing well and it is very nice to hear her playing hymns and now Christmas songs too. Mariah is our neat and orderly girl. She frequently cleans out her drawer (drawer of crayons, special papers, pencils, etc.) while Paige sits nearby snatching the papers to

stash in her drawer. Mariah attended a two night three day camp at Kenbrook (she didn't know a soul!). She is eager to go again. She is excelling in the second grade.



Paige is my helper at home. She is super excited about going to kindergarten fall 2012. Paige took swimming lessons this year and is doing very well in the pool. She is learning to ride bike and was happy to ride a piece of the rail trails in



Lickdale this fall. Paige is our detailed girl and at times has us groping for answers to her persistent questions. She also is our clown.

Mom Brubacker spent 4 days in the hospital in early October. We as a family have entered a new phase in life supporting Mom. It is still great to have her next door after 8 years.

Storm Lee destroyed the road to our house. Road re-



construction, after creek rebuilding, brought much activity.

God is worthy of our praise because He is the Creator and Sustainer of everything. Our prayer is that in our lives God may be praised.

*David, Karen, Mariah, & Paige*