

Dear Family and Friends,

2010 Report

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; He is my helper. Psalm 118:6-7 Our theme for 2010 was FEAR GOD. Our first church service in the New Year affirmed our theme. We desire to experience the "immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine" power of Christ Jesus in our lives. Ephesians 3:14-21

David and I were excited to be at a bowl game on New Year's Day in Orlando, FL. The rain and falling temps were worth it to see Penn State win. The highlight of winter was taking the girls skiing to Blue Mountain. All the snow made for lots of fun times around our house. We were blessed by revival meetings led by Phil Hershberger. The Lord is my Shepherd, my Guide through life...am I being a Godly guide for those around me?

Spring and Easter remind us of new life. I am so thankful that God's mercies and love are new each day. We said farewell to Rachelle Zook after hosting her at our house for four months. She had been in Africa in mission work with her family but moved back earlier for schooling. Installation of solar panels nearly ended our electric bills. It was a blessing to be able to travel to KY for the annual Pure Life Conference.

God is the Potter – I need to allow God to mold me after His image. Our trip was completed with a visit to Tim & Judith Haines in Indiana. David and I joined three other couples on a 2 day motorcycle trip to Seneca Lake, NY. It was a pleasure to host our 5th annual neighborhood picnic.

Summer brought strawberries, corn on the cob, and hummingbirds! Mariah and Paige helped to milk cows at the Heisey farm. The girls participated in two local vacation Bible schools. With the warm summer, we visited the pool lots and the girls really progressed in their swimming skills. Tubing in Pine Creek made for many good memories. David restored his Honda Pacific Coast motorcycle. Being part of a family camp weekend at Cove Valley was a new and pleasant experience. Along with visiting friends and various cabin weekends, we were privileged to be able to read a number of inspirational books and Bible studies: Surviving the Anointing & Welcome Home (Ravenhill), Whose Child is This (Wilson), Already Gone (Ham), Same Kind of Different as Me (Hall and Moore), Messy Spirituality (Yaconelli), The Kingdom that Turned the World Upside Down (Bercot), Broken Down House (Tripp), Five Love Languages of Children (Chapman), Blue Like

Jazz & Father Fiction (Miller), and In Praise of Slowness (Honore). God continues to speak truth into our lives and draw us to a deeper walk with Him.

Autumn brought back school time. Mariah is doing well in first grade at Bethel Dunkard Brethren School. David and I also began a new endeavor, volunteering at Released Time. RT is a program in which the public schools allow the students to be taken off campus and have a time of Bible teaching during the school day. Our involvement at RT allows us to keep developing our dream of reaching our community for Christ. Ray and Mickey (David's

brother and wife) spent a few days visiting us from the sunny south! We are having fun with our new addition – a black mostly lab puppy, which we named Sebastian. The girls liked their first barn party complete with a rope swing and hay ride, thanks to Steve Nissley! We look forward to spending time in Florida over the Christmas holiday.

David is keeping busy at Pure Test Water Lab. They are working toward state certification to test milk & ice cream. He plays racquetball twice a week, relates to men often, and is helping his dad write his memoirs. David has his permit to drive bus. Mariah enjoys learning and spending time with her friends at school. Paige likes to be a helper. I am blessed to be a stay-at-home Mom and involved with a community ladies Bible study!

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