

The Libby Family

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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1846. Should I start this article or even this paragraph off with a number? Perhaps not, but let's try it anyway. You see, 1846 is a number that popped up on my calculator while compiling data for Mex Med's 4th quarter board report and I can't seem to get it out of my mind. While driving down city streets, once I get to the 18th block, I find myself looking on the even-numbered side of the street to locate the business or residence of 1846 and giving a little nod towards it. While doing Sudoku, I look for columns or rows containing the number 1846. Every night for the past two weeks I've been praising God in my evening prayers for what 1846 represents. We are truly honored to report that through our staff and volunteer's actions of simply loving God and loving others 1,846 people came forward to personally submit their lives to Jesus as their Savior this year in our little corner of His kingdom. While we purposely present the Gospel in all we do, often it was in those unscheduled moments and encounters that we saw God most at work and we are in awe of it.

As we continue to fulfill our purpose of bringing healing and hope to Mexico by meeting the combined medical, physical and spiritual needs of those before us, we want to thank you our family and friends, our partners in ministry, for praying, providing and serving.

-Craig



Josh & Katie leading worship for a team from Hope & Wyben Churches in November.



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Josh & Katie helping to set up the tents at one of the Tijuana Brigadas.



A Blessed Year

Over and over this year we have been blessed so abundantly. We are grateful to say that we have had no major accidents, injuries, or illnesses! (Kristi continues to get great reports from her oncologist whom she visits every four months.) We enjoyed a visit from Craig's parents in the summer. A highlight was when both of the kids were baptized earlier in the year. It was special as their Grampy Mac and Mamie (Kristi's parents) were able to be here for it.

The Lord has deepened relationships on both sides of the border, caused roots to grow deeper and brought forth blossoms of joy and peace in our hearts.

This year's theme was 'Merciful Love, nothing more, nothing less'. As we sought to love those the Lord brought across our

path we saw Him at work. Craig often said, "Loving God and Loving Others, it's what we're called to do." That challenge has caused me (Kristi) to try to be sensitive and purposeful in finding ways to deepen my relationship with God and those around me.

As we share these few pictures and tidbits with you from our year, we want to say thank you for sharing life with us. Thank you for visiting us, serving with us, praying for us, supporting us financially, and most of all loving us. We are blessed by you.

In His Grip,

Craig, Kristi, Josh & Katie



Josh

A pre-teen. It's so hard to believe. Josh turned 12 in June. He continues to enjoy playing Little League baseball. He is an excellent bike rider, enjoys driving whenever he finds himself on a lone country road, and enjoyed building a go-cart from the ground up with his dad and Grampy Mac this past year. He advanced to a First Class rank in Boy Scouts and continues to enjoy participating in AWANA (Bible Club). He enjoyed the profit of guitar lessons when he was able to lead worship choruses for a team. After receiving a camera for his birthday, he's been busy taking photos for us at outreaches. We are so proud of the young man he has become.

Katie

Katie at age 9 is all girl as she enjoys time with girl friends, chatting on the telephone, and having her nails painted. She enjoys going to North Park Community Church on Sunday morning to be with her friends, going to AWANA (Bible Club) on Wednesday to be with her friends, and singing in the children's choir at Shadow Mountain Community Church. She is very artistic and loves to sing at every opportunity. Frontier Girls club has brought more friends into her life as well as taught her some valuable life skills, like how to make a birdhouse and how to change a tire. She ran some cross country this fall and seems to be a natural runner. She has transitioned from little girl to a beautiful (inside & out) young lady.



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