



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our family and friends! It has been an eventful year here in the Peterson home and we wanted to share it with you.

In January of this year we were told that our insurance company finally agreed to give us everything we deserved for our burned house. We made decisions like crazy about what to upgrade and what to keep the same and construction started in February. 4 months later on June 23, just 2 weeks short of a full year, we moved back into our renewed house! And now we are celebrating Christmas in our beautiful home again! Here are some highlights from each of our lives:

Matt: He finished his online radio show. You can still listen to episodes on his website: www.TheAuthorHour.com His book, *Paraworld Zero*, was published in India. He got a great job at Glendale Elementary School District as the Technology Systems Manager. He was called to be the Webelos Den leader in Cub Scouts.

Alicia: She had loads of fun re-designing our house and is still re-decorating. She got stung by a scorpion on Easter and broke her toe a week before Thanksgiving. Still serves as the Stake Primary President and loves it. She helped put on a musical review with her family for her parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

David & Dean (yes they are individuals, but they do everything together!!): They both are taking orchestra this year, learning the violin. They just did very well at their concert (for beginners). They are learning to play hymns on the piano. They both received their Arrow of Light award and the "20" patch (all awards possible as a Webelos) in cub scouts before moving up to be full fledged boy scouts. Dean got on the Honor Roll for the 1st semester & David got openly praised by his teacher as what she wished all the students would be like.

Trent: He was baptized in May. He is the president of his self-made "Fun Club" at school. Other boys seem to just flock to him and love him to death. He's made many new friends this year. He also has learned some simplified church songs on the piano and loves them.

Jacob: His reading is really improving this year. He chose to purchase a Rubik's cube with a gift card he was given and has really enjoyed learning how to solve it. He loves playing the piano and always chooses to do that chore first in the mornings.

Jared: His G-tube was removed from his stomach early this year. He got new foot/leg braces in the summer and has really picked up the pace since then. He also got a new eyeglass prescription which seems to be helping. His cutting and coloring has really improved this year too. He talks our ears off and asks questions until we simply can't take one more.

At the end of this very emotional and busy year we are most grateful for each other— for our family's safety and happiness. We've had some really wonderful family spiritual experiences as we've learned together how to be more of an eternal family. With loved ones lost and new lives entering the world and new relationships formed, our gratitude for the gospel and the Savior in our lives is overflowing. May you all have a wonderful and Merry Christmas!

Love, Matt, Alicia, David, Dean, Trent, Jacob, & Jared Peterson

10625 W. Adela Dr., Peoria, AZ 85383

623-825-5492

matt@mattsfamily.com alicia@mattsfamily.com www.mattsfamily.com www.paraworlds.com