

Merry Christmas! We are so grateful for the amazing year we've had! So much has changed and so many things have happened!

Matt: He still works at AARA as their IT director. He did a crazy thing and started a masters degree in Information Management! He now goes to ASU two nights a week and has homework out the wazoo! Between working and school, we are lucky to see him! It is a one year program.



He's finally not in scouts for the first time in years.

Alicia: This year she started a little girls singing and dancing group called the Sunshine Girls. It has been so fun and so challenging all in one! But in the end the girls are adorable! This summer she held 10 different MB clinics in her home helping boys from all over get Merit Badges for scouts. She just got a new calling as a Temple and Family History Consultant! Lots to learn!

David (19): Wow! What a year! His last semester of high school he had a half day of school and then he worked at a pooper scooper company. He surprisingly didn't mind that! He then worked a factory job for a few weeks. All good learning experiences. He graduated from high school and was accepted to BYU Provo. He also got his mission call to Billings Montana. He left July 5th and is absolutely loving it! So far he loves the snow!



Dean (19): He also had a great end of the year in high school. He got a PR in pole vaulting (12'9") and went to state! He graduated from high school and also got accepted to BYU Provo. After school was out he went back to work at the pool as a life guard and instructor. But then he also left on his mission on July 5th to Roseville California, speaking Hmong. He is doing great! He loves the culture and the people and the food! The language is tough, but he's getting it little by little.



Trent (16): Inducted into NHS. He was in a play called How the Other Half Die—he was a bodyguard. He had a blast! He got a job life guarding at the pool all summer! He enjoyed being able to save money. This year he is doing an off-campus coding class with West-Mec. He loves it. He's now a driver and a dater! He's been on several dates and is a very helpful driver for me!



Jacob (14): Finished up his 8th grade year and promoted from Elementary School to High school! He was taking high school math his entire 8th grade year and did very well. He earned his Eagle Scout award! His project was making blankets for a care center. He reached a mile marker this year—tallest in the family-- 6'1"! His brothers are not happy.



Jared (12): He has had a big year! As an 11 year old scout, he can earn MBs. Because of some upcoming changes with scouting we decided we had to really work hard and push quickly through some scouting achievements. Jared earned 11 MBs this summer and is currently working on several others. He should be a star rank in the next couple weeks. He also was in a summer musical—Lion King. He started 6th grade and really loved the Outdoor Ed program they did!

Alora (5): Finished a great preschool experience! Started the Sunshine Girls! Also started Kindergarten! She is loving sounding out letters and writing real words and picking out words as Alicia reads to her. She love friends and socializing! Also started a "Let's Play Music" program and has become a beautiful singer! She cut her hair the first week of kindergarten and got a "bob", but with her curls it really looked adorable!

Alexis (3): Finished up a great year of preschool! Then this year she qualified for developmental preschool for speech issues. She also did Sunshine Girls. She loves to sing and dance, and often makes up her own songs! She is also in the "Let's Play Music" program and loves it so much! She loves her preschool friends and often asks to have play dates. She is learning her letters so quickly—smarty pants!



We have had family reunions with both sides of the family! We have such wonderful extended family! We're so blessed! Matt and I took David and Dean on a short cruise to Mexico for their graduation gift, that was super fun! We almost died as we rode horses, but what an adventure! We especially loved the authentic food on the side of the road! Even Matt! We had another adventure in Mexico and went to Rocky Point as a family. The beach was very mild (too mild for the older boys) and WARM! The resort we stayed at was super fun with water slides and a lazy river. We had a great time camping with family this summer and we caught about 100 tadpoles that lived for months!

It has been such a fun year. We have been blessed! We are so thankful, most of all, for our testimonies in Jesus Christ. This Christmas season we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous 2019 to come!

Love,

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