

A very Merry Christmas to all of our loved ones! This year has zoomed by so quickly it seems impossible that it's been a whole year! We hope all of you have felt the love and happiness that this life has to offer! This season of celebrating the birth of our Savior reminds us that He has the power to bring more pure joy to our lives than anyone or anything else. We are eternally grateful to Him, for His life, example, death and resurrection.



Matt—Oh what a year it has been! He survived the second half of his year long masters program as ASU (MSIM-- Master of Science in Information Management). Graduated in the top of his class with a 4.0 GPA! During an upgrade at work spent over 80 hours awake! Is in the Sunday School presidency in our ward at church. Got a retainer and braces! Perforated his OTHER eardrum—now has 2 bad ears! Was a narrator for a Christmas presentation.

Alicia—Trying to fully embrace her Family History Consultant calling. Thoroughly enjoyed a kid-free weekend with Matt in Sedona for their 22nd Wedding anniversary. Spent 4 amazing days in NYC on a girls' trip and wants to go back! Taught "Sunshine Girls" again in the summer (a singing and dancing group for girls ages 4-8). Sang in a choir for the prophet, President Nelson, with all 4 of her siblings!! Spent almost 2 weeks in Utah this summer, even had a few half days to herself!



David (20)—Loves the cold of Montana. Currently in Cody, Wyoming. Currently a trainer on his mission. Loves teaching and has actually taught seminary while on his mission. Mostly eats steak and potatoes, but has enjoyed a pig's hoof and some shepherder hors d'oeuvres! If you'd like to write him or get his emails: djpeterson@missionary.org



Dean (Peem Chang--pronounced Pang Chang) (20)—Loves the Hmong culture, language, people, food, etc. in Northern California (Marysville). Considers himself fully Hmong now. Is training and a district leader currently. Has tried all sorts of new foods including duck fetus, pho and catfish curry soup. You can contact him at peterson.dean@missionary.org

****Time on their missions is going so quickly! We can hardly believe that they will be home in only 7 months (July 2020).**



Trent (17)—His Senior year is treating him well. Enjoying 2 choirs: chamber and concert. Learning so much in his coding West-Mec classes off-campus. Went to district swim for backstroke. Preparing to leave in the summer for his mission! Enjoyed a trip to Lake Powell with cousins. Loved EFY. Continues to read books like crazy—probably about 300 books this year. Loves being the DM for his Dungeons and Dragons group. Was a stake youth representative this year. Got a 31 on his ACT! Applied to BYU. Worked as a life guard this summer.

Jacob (15)— Got his braces off!! Just got his driver's permit! Did summer swim. Was in the spring musical and the fall play. Only spent half the season in swim at high school because of the conflicts with the play, but wished he could have done both! Absolutely loved his EFY experience at BYU and is SO grateful he made it for the last EFY ever! Also, enjoyed Lake Powell! He HATES goodbyes and endings. Realized that football games are all about the social experience! Is also in chamber choir with Trent. He's the tallest brother at 6'1 1/2".



Jared (13)—Finished ALL of his requirements for his Eagle Scout award and will be having his Board of Review in December or January. He will be our 5th and FINAL boy to receive his Eagle. Enjoyed a summer theater camp at a local high school. Attended a museum camp at BYU and loved being a curator for a day! Sings solos in church and melts hearts. Started his very own Dungeons and Dragons group with himself as the DM (Dungeon Master). Is currently in 3 different choirs. He loves to cook and is always trying new recipes. Gave his first talk in church and did amazingly!



Alora (6)—First grade, 2 more lost teeth, lots of bumps and bruises! This girl is active! She has developed a beautiful voice. Loves her “Let’s Play Music” classes and enjoyed dance classes in the spring. Summer brought another Sunshine Girls season. Loving being able to read more! Went with Mommy and Lexy on a girls night out to see the ballet! Loved her first Daddy Daughter dance at school!

Alexis (4)—Last year of preschool! Full of emotion most days! Swings between very shy and very talkative, depending on who she’s around. Also loves singing and dancing and did all the same things Alora did! Has started memorizing scriptures with us as a family. Loves riding the bus to preschool. Went with Mommy, Daddy and Alora on a girls trip to Disneyland—princess focused, and love it! She (and Alora) even got pampered in the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique!



We have thoroughly enjoyed this year. We have had many ups and downs, but we have survived them and are so grateful for the foundation on Jesus Christ that helps us through it all. We love all of you and hope you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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