

News from the Bells

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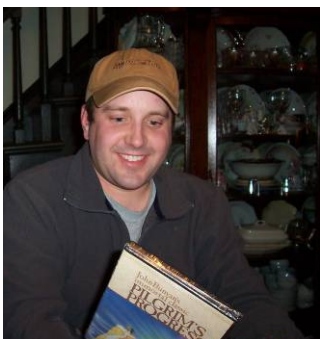
“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”
Matthew 2:1 - 2

It is our hope that you, like the Magi of old, took time to worship this same Jesus during the Christmas season. For the one they sought after, the *“one who has been born king of the Jews”* is our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Oh, that the world might know this one who deserves our praise! This is really what our life and ministry in OMS is about; to reach a lost world and bring glory and honor to Jesus. The Lord has indeed blessed our family again this year. We know that the prayers and financial gifts of so many have made it possible for us to serve as missionaries with OMS. We want to thank you so very much for your partnership with us in this ministry. Thank you for all you have done for us!



Tim: Another year older and another one of the kids out of the nest. In our January 2010 letter I noted that the word for 2010 would be change. Well one of those changes occurred in August when I had the honor of walking down the aisle with my daughter Rachel on her wedding day. It was a beautiful wedding. Many other changes occurred this year as well. The change in our mission’s name brought about changes in material, web sites, DVDs, etc. My son Joel worked for me in the summer and developed a new web site for the Northeast Region. You can check it out at: <http://omsnortheast.org> I continue to serve OMS as the Northeast Regional Director and am blessed with the opportunity to work with many of our OMS missionaries. I look forward to another great year of ministry with OMS and hope to see some of you along the way this year. Please give me a call or write me and let’s see how OMS can serve you. Please pray for me as I travel and minister in the Northeast in 2011.

Nancy has had another year of change. Last year we noted that Rachel started college in August 2009 and how difficult that was. Well this year it was Rachel’s wedding in August. Nancy is so happy for her, but at the same time misses her being around. The other news is that Aaron is engaged to be married in March 2011. This will take the home down to just three of us. This will be a big adjustment for all of us and Nancy usually doesn’t want to talk about it much. She is so happy for each of the kids, but misses them being around the house. Nancy continues to homeschool Seth, which keeps her very busy, but she enjoys it very much. It was great having family home for the holidays. Nancy baked Rachel a birthday cake and the grandchildren helped blow out the candles. Nancy’s health has been good this year, but we would appreciate your continued prayers for her health and strength this year.



Joel is busy attending seminary in Myerstown, PA as well as working in the area part-time at a grocery store. His classes have been difficult, but he has done well in all of them. Joel has about two more years to finish his Master of Divinity degree. At this point he does not have specific plans after graduation, but continues to look at various mission opportunities. We were able to obtain some funding for Joel to assist me this past summer in the OMS Northeast Region office. He helped greatly in the office, including developing a Northeast web site. He helped in many other ways and was able to put my office back in a much better order. He also worked on our church’s web site during the summer. Joel got back home from time to time during the year; for birthdays, weddings and other special events. It was great having him home over Christmas break. Joel would appreciate your prayers as he continues to seek the

Lord’s direction for his life, as well as for his remaining time in seminary.

Elizabeth: The Lord continues to bless Elizabeth and her husband Todd and their growing family. No new family members were added in 2010, but one will arrive in 2011. Psalm 127 speaks of children as a *heritage or gift* from God and how *blessed* is the man (and women) with a quiver full. Well, the quiver is filling up and they truly feel blessed. Jacob turns 5 in January; Isaac 4 in February; Leah 3 in May; and Noah turned 1 in December. The new one should arrive sometime in June. Todd continues to be very busy on the dairy farm and is making some progress on remodeling their future home (an old school house). Elizabeth keeps very busy with the kids, some gardening, helping at the barn, and trying to keep up the home. We are blessed to see them each Sunday at church. Grandchildren are a blessing from the Lord. Todd and Elizabeth, and family, would appreciate your prayers.



Rachel had a big change in her life this year when she married Dominick Errico in August. Pastor Denny Weaver performed the ceremony which was held at our church, Christ Fellowship. It was a beautiful wedding and we are blessed to have a new family member. They moved to Kentucky shortly after the wedding, where Nick is in his final year of pastoral studies at Kentucky Mountain Bible College. Rachel took one class as well this past fall and also worked some on the side. Nick has one semester to go and will graduate in May. Nick and Rachel are seeking the Lord's direction for their future and are currently looking at southern NJ for their home after graduation. Nick has preached at a number of churches in NJ on various breaks and is hoping to get a church after graduation. I know that Nick and Rachel would appreciate your prayers as they finish their studies and as they continue to seek God's will for their lives together.

Aaron: 2011 will bring some very big changes for Aaron as well. He and his fiancée, Cindy Sterner, will be getting married on March 19. They plan to get married at Christ Fellowship, our home church, and will move to the Franklin, PA area. There is much planning going on these days to get ready for the big day. Cindy and her family are making many of the things for the wedding including: dresses, flower arrangements, etc. Aaron continues to work at Liberty Electronics, which is in Franklin, about 25 miles from our home. It will be much less of a drive for him after the wedding. I am hoping to get a good amount of work out of Aaron before he leaves home. (Just kidding!) Aaron has been a big help over the years around the home and he will be missed greatly. Aaron continues to enjoy hunting, taking pictures, hiking and spending time with family. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide Aaron and Cindy as they begin their life together this spring.



Seth turned 13 in November and is in the 7th grade. It is hard to believe he is a teenager already. He continues to be homeschooled and does well in his classes. It was also a big year of change for Seth with Rachel getting married, and it probably will be even a bigger year of change coming in 2011, with Aaron getting married. After March he will be the only one still at home. Seth is now in the Youth Class at church and he is enjoying that. Seth likes to visit some of his friends or have them down to our house to play. He continues to enjoy playing board games, computer games, playing with his Star Wars figures, and building things with his Legos. We plan to travel to Kentucky for Nick's graduation in May and we hope to visit the Creation Museum on our way back home. Seth will enjoy that!

Please pray for Seth as he adjusts to all the changes coming this year and as he continues to grow in his faith in the Lord.

We want to again thank each of you for your partnership with us in another year of ministry. It is your prayers and financial gifts that have made it possible for us to serve with OMS. Thank you for your concern and prayers for our family. The Lord truly has blessed us and we are looking forward to this new year of ministry. Please write or give us a call. We would love to come and see you. May God richly bless you as you serve Him in 2011.

Tim and Nancy