

Russell Family

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It's time for the annual Christmas letter and I must admit, I am enjoying reading the ones I have received and I look forward to more. I love this time of catching up with the lives of those who are in my heart everyday. Whether you live near or far, our home is open for visits. Just give us a call and come by for some fellowship.



Joshua turned 18 this year, voted for the first (and second) time, worked for a local campaign, and worked at the polling site on

election day. He got his first car and started college this year. He is doing accelerated distance learning for at least this first year. He is working one main job, two small jobs as the work comes in, and still hopes to keep the design business up. You can meet up with him at www.jdr4him.com or on facebook.



Jonny turned 16, has his driver's permit, started baseball with the Warriors, and still enjoys any work you can give him that involves the outdoors. He is taking an automotive class, trying to learn all he can about working on motors. He

has proven to be my right hand man when Dad is out of town. You can meet up with him on facebook.

Sarah, who turns 14 in December, started her own little bread making business as we started grinding our own grain into flour to make the most delicious homemade breads. She also loves babysitting. Most days she sneaks in as much reading as she is allowed and enjoys doing crafts with the younger kids. You can meet up with her on facebook.





Jordan turned 10 this year and has started taking more responsibilities around the house. She has a new sparkle to her smile as she has started the process of getting expanders and braces this year. If you ever loose track of where she is, just go out back, and you will probably find her near the top of one of the larger trees.

Stephen who just turned 8 is always ready to tell you an engaging story, which usually includes knights, army men, bombs, swords, or guns. He is a very smart little fellow and loves the outdoors.

Hannah Ruth turned 4 this year and it seems her calling might be as a beautician, as she has cut her hair 8 times in the past couple of months! We are working hard to train her to be the princess she wants to be.

Daniel (19 months) went from crawling to walking to running and certainly keeps us all running to keep up with him. He is such a blessing and a joy to watch as he discovers the world around him.

Darrel spent 3 weeks in January, and then 3 months from July to September in Israel for work. This time, LeAnn had the blessing of going to Israel to join Darrel for a 12 day mini-

vacation near the end of July. Wow! It was a wonderful trip. We went to see numerous places mentioned in the Bible, walking from from sun up to sun down each and every day, until our feet almost fell off. Stating that it was worth every kilometer would be a great understatement.

You can meet up with our family at our family website and blog at www.drussellfamily.com Yes, we are in the cyber world. Hard to remember that when Joshua was born the internet was new and almost no one had it in their homes. Don't let time or miles get in the way! Keep in touch!

Our family wishes you and yours a very blessed and Merry Christmas as you seek the real reason at the heart of Christmas our Lord and Savior and the gift He gave in His birth and in His death.

In His Service,
Darrel, LeAnn, Joshua, Jonny, Sarah, Jordan,
Stephen, Hannah Ruth and Daniel Russell



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