



Pikes Peak, Colorado

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Dear Cheryl,

Greetings from snowy Colorado! Once again, we are amazed at how God has blessed us this year! He provides for us, He teaches us, He walks us through rough spots, He blesses us with family and friends.... Our year has been filled with the "usual" and the "unusual"—well, some extras!



Laura with her college friends

Laura is loving her second year at Colorado Christian University. She has some challenging classes and she is leading a student ministry which serves in two soup kitchens, so she is quite busy. Friendships are the icing on the cake! We love that she is close enough that she can come home occasionally.

Matthew is a junior at Heritage Christian Academy. He is on the student council this year as chapel co-chairman. A first for Matthew was playing competitive soccer. The Heritage Eagles did pretty well for a young team, and Matthew was named Most Improved. (Is that a good thing?) Although he enjoyed playing soccer, hockey is still his sport of choice. Matthew is playing on two teams: Rocky Mountain High School varsity 5A, and the PIHA (Professional Inline Hockey Assoc.) Catz, minor league. Matthew's

"spare" time is filled with friends, piano, guitar, friends, various youth groups and Bible studies, work, and did I mention friends?



Matthew practicing the guitar



Kevin with Best Defenseman Award

Kevin is in 8th grade here at home. I think we both like our time together studying algebra and Spanish. Kevin is still loving hockey too. This fall, Kevin played in the Junior High League. His team, Preston Lightning, came in second, and Kevin was named Top Defenseman league-wide for the season! Kevin also played in the All-Star game and had the honor of putting in the game-winning goal in overtime and then being named MVP for the game. Besides playing for the Lightning, Kevin continues to play competitive hockey for the Daredevils. Our team went to nationals in Florida this summer. We did not get as far in the competition as we would have liked, but we had a great time on the beach! Kevin's "spare" time is filled with helping with Toddlers at church, youth group and small group activities, piano, friends, and computer games.

Amy, also home-schooled, is in 4th grade. She has shown great progress already this year. Her favorite part of school is an art class that she is taking from another homeschool mom. She also loved the tea club that she was in,

learning about hosting and etiquette. Amy is also taking piano and dance, and she's in the children's choir at church. The choir participated in the big church Christmas production. It meant extra practices and spending every night this week at church, but it was a good experience for her.



Amy with her new school books

Along with homeschooling Kevin and Amy, I have been leading a small homeschool group made up mostly of families from our church. We have gotten together for oral presentations, field trips, moms' night out, family fun, etc. I feel blessed to know these families and enjoy the friendships and support they bring. Another blessing for me is the Women of the Word study on Proverbs. What a treasure trove of wisdom on so many topics!

Dan has been very busy with work this year and has managed to take vacations in spite of the pressures of deadlines. Sunday mornings, Dan helps with A/V in the children's program at church, and Sunday afternoons find Dan leading the 8th grade boys' Bible study group. The boys have lots of fun together and are learning some great things from the book of James. For fun and exercise, Dan plays hockey twice a week.

As I said, our year included some extras. In April, Dan and I were able to spend a relaxing week on the coast of Florida with our dear friends, the Carters. What a treat! July was a month of travel and special events for us.

First was our Lotz family reunion in Oregon—always a great time of fun and fellowship! Next was our trip to Florida for hockey nationals. Then, back on the west coast, we attended our niece's wedding and thoroughly enjoyed time with family there!



Dan & Janet enjoying sunny Florida

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

*Dan & Janet
Laura Matt Kevin Amy*