

The Ritchey's Glad Tidings

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HI-LITES

Winter Vacation

Three weeks after moving into our new home, in the midsidt of a deep freeze, Darlene and the boys headed west on AMTRAK to San Francisco.

Due to the cold the train was late causing them to miss their connection in Chicago. The unexpected delay allowed them the extra bonus of a visit to the top of the Sears Tower. It also caused them to miss an overnight visit in Salt Lake City with Uncle Steve and Aunt Carlynn.

Joe flew to San Francisco, getting there in time to meet the gang at the train station.

Although Joe had meetings downtown, Darleneand the boys were free to see the sights: Fisherman's Warf, the zoo, and the cable cars.

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Just when John (8), the youngest member of the

Isaiah 7:14 Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel
family, was becoming, Beginning in October,

Teenager in the House

more independent something new and exciting happened, Jamie, the oldest, turned 13.

Now it seems there is a comb by every mirror, strange outfits, and cassette tapes on every counter. However backyard football games are still the number one choice for recreation.

The Ritchey Family is on E-Mail

1994 the Ritchey's joined the Internet via Delphi.Com, one of the many access providers like Compuserve or Prodigy. We don't use E-Mail for national news; we use it for communicating with friends and family. If you have access to E-mail, send us a message. Our address is:

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Edgemont Bible Church Welcomes Ritchey Family

In moving to the Belleville, IL area we knew we would be looking for a new church family. Our research started with the AWANA (approved workmen are not ashamed - from 2 Timothy 2:15) headquarters who gave us the name of local churches using their program. This immediately led us to the Edgemont church located in Fairveiw Heights. Joe, Darlene, Jamie, and Tim were received into memebership in April.

Darlene and Joe sing in an outreach ensamble called "In One Accord", Jamie sings in the youth choir called "Cross Way", and Jamie, Tim, and John sing in the kids choir called the "Hallaluah Treble Team".

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We had a great year in

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Camping Is the Key to Scouting

scouting. 1994 brought Joe's return to Boy Scouts as an Assistant Scoumaster of Troop 633 in Millstadt, IL. Jamie attained the rank of first class scout and gained merit badges in swimming and first aid.

Jamie Tapped Out As Arrowman

At summer scout camp Jamie Ritchey was selected by scouts in his troop to take the ordeal of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, a special organization of campers. A special weekend in August was required with arduous labor, somber reflection, and scant food for completion of the ordeal. Jamie was one of about 120 scouts from the St. Clair District to be accepted.

Tim Works Hard as a Second Year Weblo

This year Tim joined Cub Pack 42 a newly formed pack sponsored by the St. Clair Christian Home School Association.

In October the pack participated in the council camporee held at historic Fort DeCharters near Prairie du Rocher, IL on the Mississippi River. The boys got to shoot a

and throw a tomahawk among the days activities.



John and Pack 42 Grow

In April Pack 42 traveled to the state capital in Springfield to watch state legislators in action and to meet our state representative. John has been working hard on activities for his Wolf patch. We sponsored a pool party for the troop and everyone had a great time.

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Uncle Steve flew in for a visit to join us on a boat ride in the bay and a meal in China Town.

After Joe's meetings were finished the family boarded the train and headed north through Portland, OR to take the northern route across the states: Washington, Idaho, etc. We got off the train in Cutbank, MT for an overnight excursion across the border in to Canada to visit Waterton Park. We drove up a canyon until the snow was too deep for the plow. Then we walked, slid and played in the snow before heading back. The next day we boarded the train to continued east. We took a family picture in Minot, North Dakota where the temperature was minus 20 deg. F.

It was an enjoyable trip. Even with all of the delays, the Ritchey family highly recommend traveling by train.

Summer Vacation

Again in June, Darlene and the boys left St. Louis ahead of Joe. First stop Toledo, to visit friends, then on to Cleveland and Ashtabula to visit family. Joe joined us there and we headed off for Niagra Falls, the Welland Canal, through

Toronto, and up the St. Lawrance Seaway to Montreal.

Montreal is a beautiful city with a park up on a hill overlooking the river. We enjoyed eating international style at Leboneese, Brazilian, and British restaurants. Darlene and the boys hit the underground malls and an amusment park between trips on the subway.

We traveled back to St. Louis by way of Akron, OH (actually Canal Fulton) were we stopped at a Christian music festival call Alive 94. While there we were able to visit with the friends from Emmanuel church in Toledo where we had been members. After Alive we stopped in Indianapolis to visit the Beight family.

was no celebration, school as usual.

Jamie in 7th Grade

Jamie's favorite subjects this year are reading and math. He is taking pre-algebra and doing very well. He also enjoys the field trips.

Tim Joins the Band

This year the homeschool support group was able to offer lessons for student interested in playing band instruments. With a little encouragement from mom, Tim has decided to learn to play drums. He is doing very well! We are looking forward to their first performance this spring.

Glad Tidings an Alaska Adventure

During July and August of 1995 the Ritchey's are planning a trip up the Alaska-Canada Highway. Darlene and the boys, with the help of Joe's dad and step-mom will head off in the van around July 5th. Joe will fly up for the last week in July and the first week in August. The return will bring them back in mid August. If you know of anybody there let us know.

Closing

God has been good to us this past year. He has continued to provide us with loving family and friends, good health, and our financial needs which we often wonder if we are deserving keepers.

Thank you for the part you have played in our lives this past year. We have not been able to do all of the visiting we would like, but we do what we can and ask for patience until we can see you again.

Our sincese wish is that you have peace in your heart and joy in your spirit in 1995.

Ritchey Christian Academy (RCA) Report Card

Report cards have long been held as the way to communicate a students performance to parents, prospective colleges and employers. Included here is a summary of major accomplishments of the RCA.

Begins Third Year

The Ritchey Christian Academy (RCA) began its third year on November 1st. There

John Enjoys Gymnastics

One of Johns favoriete times during the week is gymnastics. He especially enjoys the trampoline. All the boys started gymnastic lessons this past fall.

1995 Brings Plans for