Joe & Darlene Ritchey Christmas 2010 Newsletter

We want to begin by introducing our two new daughters Mandy and Rachel that were added to our family. John and Mandy were married on February 27 in Elgin, IL. John and Mandy moved to Schweinfurt, Germany in September to work with YoungLife Ministries. They plan to be there for 3 years working with the children of U.S. military personnel.

Tim and Rachel were married on July 17 in Cincinnati, OH at the historic Music Hall. They honeymooned in Cancun Mexico and reside in the Cincinnati area. Tim continues to work as help-desk team manager for a loan company and Rachel teaches preschool kids.



James moved into a new apartment this year in Moab, UT and continues to work on the Department of Energy Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project with Joe. James spent a couple of

weeks in Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Ireland during November and December enjoying Thanksgiving with John and Mandy.

In between weddings we've continued our travels including trips to St. Louis, Champaign, Kansas City, Chillicothe, Washington DC, Santa Fe, and San Antonio. In addition over the 4th of July weekend we took a road trip to the Mission Mountains of Montana.

Joe's big adventure was an April attempt to mountain bike the Kokopelli Trail (140 miles between Grand Junction and Moab). Persistent snow in the mountains and old age limited the distance traveled to 85 miles in two days.

Darlene continues to work at Powderhorn Ski Resort taking on various jobs on the food service side of the resort. Cutbacks allowed her to spend much of the summer traveling in the Midwest visiting friends and family with Joe occasionally joining her.

Best wishes for great 2011.

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Joe, Darlene, and James at Lost Lake on the Grand Mesa