

Joe Ritchey Family Christmas Greeting 2015

A common lament of getting older is how time flies. This year has seemed that way for us; we must be busy. Here is our year in review. Darlene continues to work at Powderhorn, for a third year in the gift shop. Joe continues as a contractor for the Department of Energy and celebrated his 16th year with Pro2Serve.

At the end of January, we traveled to New Orleans, LA for an ASTM meeting. Darlene took a cooking class. In March, Darlene traveled to Kansas City to visit her good friend Charlotte. In April, we took a weekend trip to Steamboat Springs, CO. It was rainy with patches of snow, but still a nice getaway.



In May Darlene took a girl's reunion trip to Ashtabula, OH with her good friend Lora and they spent time with Mom Froelich.

On May 27th our 3rd grandchild Liselotte (Lilo) Hope Ritchey

was born in Bahrain, 13 weeks earlier than anticipated. We appreciated all of the prayers for her health during and after the 2 months in the hospital.

Just a few weeks later, we traveled to Los Angeles for the June ASTM meetings and were able to see Joe's "California cousins".



In August Joe and good friend, JJ, summited Mount Massive at 14,428 ft above sea level.



In late August we headed for Austria and Germany and were able to take a personalized tour of a silver and uranium mine that dates back to the 1500's. This



was followed by flying to Bahrain to see Lilo first hand and help John, Mandy (and Lilo) move back to the States.

Late in September Joe ran a 10K at Powderhorn during their fall color Sunday followed by a

weekend trip with Darlene to Creed CO, another mining town.

We had a little excitement when a tree fell nearly hitting our truck blocking our way out of the area.



Mid-October Darlene and James went

to Ohio for a visit and Mom Froelich's 89th birthday. Tim was

able to come up and bring Gavin and Shaelyn (Shae).



We spent Thanksgiving with James and his friends in Moab, UT and visited the new dinosaur museum and recently discover tracks.

In early December, Joe went to Ohio to visit Tim, Rachel, Gavin, and Shae and we visited and shopped at Entertainment Station while Tim was at work.

Lilo is doing great at 13 plus pounds. John and Mandy are getting settled in their new house in West Des Moines IA. We are thankful for all of our friends and family and wish you the very best in the new year.

