

Dear Family and Friends,



December 2010

This has truly been an adventurous and wonderful year for the Haynes family. Here is an update on all that went on in 2010 and an update on how everyone is doing.

In April, we made our long planned for and anticipated trip to China to see Nick and Michaela and the grandchildren. China was simply amazing! Nick and Michaela were wonderful hosts! We had the privilege of meeting many sweet Chinese Christians. Mark was able to preach in two Chinese churches. During our stay, we were able to visit the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Hutongs (an ancient Chinese neighborhood in Beijing - via rickshaws!), Beihai Park, and the Temple of Heaven. Nick is still working hard on the Chinese Bible project. Michaela tutors and is busy with homeschooling our two oldest grandchildren. Of course, the GK's were wonderful! We got lots of spoiling time in! Jerusha (5) and Jeshurun (4) and Abishai (1 1/2) are just a joy! The Dunns are expecting a new daughter in March of 2011! Can't wait to meet the new little one!! One of the vivid memories of China was standing on a remote section of the Great Wall and realizing that it had been built when Isaiah the Prophet was preaching. Amazing!

Matt got married on September 11th to our third perfect daughter-in-law, Apryl Collins. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding in Missouri near Branson. They are serving the Lord together at Maranatha Baptist Church of Western Oaks in Bethany, Oklahoma. Matt still leads the music and youth ministries. Apryl is enjoying her new role as a wife. Matt is working for a job placement firm and he really enjoys it. Matt and Apryl are now preparing for deputation as they believe God would have them working with the Kurdish people of Syria.

Joel and Fabiola have certainly had an adventurous 2010! On June 26th, they welcomed Joel Nathan Haynes, Jr. into the world! Fabi had a good delivery and he is perfect - just like all of our GK's!! While we were in China, Joel was involved in a near head on collision just a short distance from our home on the way to work. He was careflighted out to Flagstaff with a dislocated hip and other injuries. Praise the Lord, he has completely recovered and doing well! Joel and Fabi are currently on the road visiting churches and presenting the ministry here on the Reservation. The Lord has raised 40% of their support in four months. The Lord is good! They hope to be finished by August of 2011 and then want to start a work in the community of Nazlini.

Caleb and Sarah are celebrating their third anniversary on December 21st. Caleb is still enjoying his work as a police officer with the Haltom City, Texas Police Department. Sarah started a new job as a dispatcher for the North Richland Hills Police Department. They also got to go on their first cruise this year! The pictures they sent were breathtaking! It was a wonderful time for them. Caleb and Sarah are both active in our home church, Trinity Baptist of Arlington. Their two Huskies, Aiden and Brailyn, (our granddogs!), are still loads of fun. Tricia had an adventure when they both got out of the fence while Caleb and Sarah were gone. That whole incident is worth a letter in itself, but grandmother and granddogs survived!

Esther (21) is enjoying her first year of Bible College. She also works part time at a daycare where many of the girls at the college are employed. She sings with the college choir and has been blessed by the Lord in her soulwinning efforts. Esther misses home, but is glad to be in God's will in Texas. Her grades are good and the folks at TBBC are genuinely glad to have her as a student. By the time you receive this letter, Esther will be home with us for Christmas.