

# Views from the Top

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## Ministry update

As its final action for 2012, our Cloudhaven Board reluctantly acknowledged the request of Rev. Randy Steele to step down as a Director. But we welcomed two new Board members, Randy's brother Rev. Rick Steele of Albuquerque and Rev. Manuel (Tito) Padilla of El Paso. We join with the Steeles in grieving the recent passing of their Dad, Lance. He was a remarkable man during his time on earth and is now at rest with his Savior. Also in December we were blessed to host long-time missionary Linda Lehman and her niece Kim.



The gang from University Pres.

again pleased to host the youth from University Pres. in Las Cruces, ably led by Pastor Patrick Tebbano. Rev. Timothy Hammons from Roswell, NM, was here for a brief stay.



Kim & Linda

In January, Elliott and Crystal Schmitz returned to celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary. Recently we learned that they are expecting their first child!



Timothy

Following Presbytery in Tucson, AZ, we enjoyed a brief visit with Katy's cousin Denny Amundson and his wife Nancy. Denny is under nursing care for Parkinson's disease. We were then pleased to join Christ the King Church in El Paso for their anniversary celebration. Pastor Chuck Isaac arrived there at the same time that we began Cloudhaven ten years ago.



Denny & Katy

answering God's call to further ministry by heading off to Covenant Seminary. We've since learned that he's the recipient of a full tuition and board scholarship for his seminary education. Way to go, Vince!



Elliott & Crystal

Katy and I celebrated our 29th anniversary—a testimony to God's grace and faithfulness to us both. We were



Vince & Holly

In February, Vince and Holly Hoppe spent some time with us. Vince is an-

Pastor Shelby Moon of Westminster Pres. in Alamogordo spent sev-

eral days of his study leave here at Cloudhaven. He also gave Jim a serious challenge at chess.



Shelby

March saw the passing into glory of long-time friend and founding member of Westminster Pres, Jane Quigley. Kim and Rebecca Padilla came up for a few days while Tito and daughter Lizzy were back East checking out prospective colleges. Les and Bobby Cover brought their grandsons Zack & Noah Gentry up for an afternoon to take in a movie in our media room. Matt and Quinnten Castillo and Isaac Nacita of Westminster helped us move over 30 large rounds of firewood to our wood lot. This wood and several more cords of split and seasoned firewood were the kind donation of our neighbor Charlotte Atlas. This is the earliest that we've ever finished gathering wood for the following season!



Quinnten, Matt & Isaac

April brought missionaries and dear friends Rick and Vicki Smith to Cloudhaven for a week's visit to their old stompin' grounds here in Cloudcroft. Some of you may recall that the Smiths were our great mentors and encouragers when we first began Cloudhaven back in 2003. Their visit to the area culminated with the baptizing of their grandson Uan Ellery Smith at University Pres. in Las Cruces.



Vicki & Rick

Following April Presbytery in Scottsdale, AZ, we again joined Christ the King in El Paso for their annual Talent Show. This year they treated over 150 persons to a free catered meal at their beautiful new worship facility. Of course, "The Amazing Jimbo" was on hand to present some magic. Thanks to our dear friends, David and Caryl Fickett for graciously hosting us during our time in El Paso!

Interspersed with all that, Jim moderated two congregational meetings at University Pres. (Las Cruces,) participated in the Lenten Lunches and Easter Sunrise Service of the Sacramento Mountain Ministerial Alliance, and preached at Westminster Pres.

(Alamogordo,) Las Tierras Community Church (El Paso) and Providence Presbyterian in Albuquerque.



In case you're wondering what we look like these days (all dressed up)

*In memoriam...*



Luella Amundson 1924-2013

Katy's mom Luella (Neck) Amundson passed into glory February 21st. Our thanks to the many of you who prayed for her during her over four-year struggle with ovarian cancer. We attended her memorial service at First Lutheran Church in Barron, WI on March 4th, where Jim delivered the closing prayer. A brief graveside service for family and friends and a lunch at the church immediately followed. We thank God for the assurance that she is now safe in the arms of Jesus.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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*"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."—Is. 44:22*