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Dear friends...

It's that time of year again when we anticipate special times of worship and fellowship with friends and family on Thanksgiving Day and throughout the Christmas advent season. Our wood room is full and we're already enjoying the warmth of our wood stoves and fireplaces. No snow yet that stuck around, but possibly this coming week.



Alesia

Thanks to those of you who have been praying for Katy's daughter Alesia. Katy was able to spend a week with her in early September. Alesia's chemotherapy is finished and she concludes radiation on Dec. 4th. We're praying for a clean bill of health then.

Also in September, we attended Presbytery in Flagstaff, AZ, and took a couple of days' vacation which included brief visits to the Grand Canyon, Walnut Canyon and Lowell Observatory—a nice break for the Baileys.

Jim has been hobbling around a bit and experiencing some pain at night due to a torn meniscus in his left knee. We would appreciate your prayers for his upcoming arthroscopic surgery on Dec. 7th.

Ministry updates

September saw return visits by Pastor Tito Padilla and Raul and Sarah Issa. Raul and Sarah were celebrating their falling in love and subsequent marriage at Cloudhaven a year ago. Pastor Rick Steele stayed with us briefly while being the featured speaker at Westminster Presbyterian Church's 50th anniversary. Rick had been their pastor for 17 years. It's a testimony to God's providence when a church remains biblically sound and thrives for 50 years in our increasingly hostile culture.

In October, our friends from the new Anglican Diocese in the Southwest joined us again for their planning sessions. Then Las Tierras Community Church in El Paso sent an enthusiastic work group to help us with outside landscaping. They weed-whacked,



The Anglican Standing Committee

mowed, raked and swept our grounds into park-like beauty despite our wet year and unusually copious weeds. They also treated us to lunch! This was a huge help for us. Thanks, friends, for your sweet spirit of ministry to Cloudhaven!

Christmas at Cloudhaven

Please mark your calendar and plan to come to our 13th annual family candlelight service of...

Lessons & Carols

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 6:30 PM

Our special guest speaker will be Rev. Manuel (Tito) Padilla, founding Pastor of Las Tierras Community Church in El Paso.

After worship we'll share fine food and fellowship

If you can help out by bringing food and/or helping serve, please contact katy@cloudhaven.org

Bring a friend!

The following week, Westminster held a theology conference with Rev. Ryan McGraw of Greenville Theological Seminary in South Carolina. Rev. McGraw reminded us of the centrality of the doctrine of the Trinity to our worship and all areas of our Christian lives. (over)



A few of our friends from Las Tierras...

We also enjoyed hosting the leadership in New Mexico and El Paso of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. This was their first time at Cloudhaven, and they were a blessing to us. They worked hard, but had a little time for fun as you can see below...

Jim enjoyed attending a men's retreat held by Westminster Pres. up here in



Hadassah and Hannah helped Katy

God with us

Once again as we anticipate our 13th Christmas service of Lessons and Carols, we return to our theme of remembering Christ's God-given name of *Immanuel, God With Us* (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23.)

As the unique God-man, Jesus is *with us*, his people, as no other person can be. We pray that this advent season you will marvel anew at the wonder of who he is and what he has done.

Tell ya what...

As I write this it is Friday, November 13th. Since Katy and I were married on a "Friday the Thirteenth," we celebrate each of these as a mini-anniversary. This is our 57th. Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to figure how many actual years of marriage we'll be celebrating on January 13th, 2016. God is good...

Soli Deo Gloria



Leaders from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

the mountains at Sivell's, a neighboring retreat center. Rev. Ben Coppedge, the Reformed University Minister at New Mexico State University in Las

Cruces, NM, was the featured teacher. Katy vetoed Jim's wish to try their zip line, though.



Winston says, "hi" (or something)



Emily, DH, Josiah and Phinehas Henry

Missionaries DH and Emily Henry and family spent several days with us for some rest and relaxation before heading out to Window Rock, AZ, to minister to the Navaho population there. DH is ordained in our PCA Presbytery of the Southwest and will be serving with Western Indian Ministries.



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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