

Views from the Top

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Greetings in Christ...

God has blessed us with lots of visitors since our last newsletter...



LuAnn, Gene and Baylee

In July, Gene and LuAnn Bowman of Hispanic Leadership Initiative (HLI) joined us for our now traditional celebration of the 4th with food and fireworks at the Space Museum in Alamogordo. Folks from Westminster Presbyterian encouraged us by attacking our three acres of weeds which were taking over due to all the rain we've had this year.

In August, ten moms from the Alamogordo chapter of MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers) came for a fun retreat. Our friends from the Anglican Church North America returned for a few days of meetings. Raul and Sarah



Mary, Evelyn, Sarah and Raul

Issa with Sarah's mom Mary and newborn Evelyn spent several days in our guest house. We also enjoyed brief visits from John Pickett of Crosstown ministries in Las Cruces and Rebecca Pipkin. 'Becca's sister Lizzy Padilla had visited from Texas Tech in July.



Merrilee and Becky

We welcomed Merrilee Tabbert of Sanford, FL, and her friend Becky Wilson of Ojai, CA. Jim and Merrilee sang together in various settings at Ojai Community Church many years ago. Katy's cousin Nancy Amundson came from Marana, AZ, for a few days which overlapped with a visit by our dear friends the Barretts and Hartz-



The Barretts and Hartzells

Christmas at Cloudhaven

Please mark your calendar and plan to come to our 14th annual family candlelight service of...

Lessons & Carols

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30 PM

Join in with guests from as far away as California for this special time preparing our hearts for the advent season

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!

ells, now all living in Las Cruces.

In September, Rachel Spraitzar (Sarah Issa's sister) came for a week to help Katy with some big jobs around the house. We attended the Presbytery of the Southwest meeting in El Paso, and enjoyed a day visit by Ben Coppedge



Nancy Amundson



Our friends from Las Tierras Community Church

who's with Reformed University Ministries at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Las Tierras Community Church (LTCC) of El Paso treated us to a work day with an enthusiastic group who even provided us with a delicious lunch!

In October so far we were thrilled to receive about five cords of firewood rounds from Elder Andy and Dy-
anne Balcom (WPC) who live in the next canyon here on the mountain. A great bunch of guys from First Baptist Cloudcroft took care of transport-



Alamogordo Mothers of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS)



The ACNA Standing Committee

ing the wood to our place. Looks like we've got enough for this winter and part of next! Also, we enjoyed a day visit from Jeff White who is an HLI

intern at LTCC. Among other accomplishments, Jeff holds two degrees from Gordon Conwell Seminary and is on track for licensure in our Presbytery.

Tell ya what...

Our neighbor's dog Baylee is getting old and infirm but still hangs out with us most days. Sometimes she can hardly get up from the ground to greet us and our guests. Unfortunately, she tried to keep up with Jeff White on a recent hike up to the ridge and just couldn't quite do it. Jeff had to carry her part of the way back (and she's not a lightweight.) We were worried that was about it for her, but she showed up as usual the next day. In dog years and in physical ability she's

about the same as us, I guess, but we have to do her praying and thanking God for her.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Rachel

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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