

Views from the Top

The Cloudhaven Chronicle

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Greetings from Cloudhaven...

We've been a bit lax in getting out newsletters this year, but this one has an *important update* (see *Tell ya what*, on the next page.)

As usual, we've had the pleasure of hosting those that God has sent to Cloudhaven. Some of these were...



Tabitha & Ryan Columbare

Ryan & Tabitha Columbare are stationed at Fort Bliss, TX. Ryan plays trumpet with the Army band and performs several times each week. They attend Las Tierras Community Church in El Paso. Their pastor Tito Padilla serves on our board and also is a regular Cloudhaven guest. Jeff and Matheson White also serve there and with the Hispanic Leadership Initiative. They returned with their (too cute) daughter Poppie Marie.



John & Rachel Grant

John & Rachel Grant currently hail from Albuquerque, NM, and serve with Intersivity Christian Fellowship.



Evelyn, Sarah, Raul and Mary

We were pleased to have Raul, Sarah and Evelyn Issa along with Sarah's mom Mary stay with us for a week. They and Sarah's sister Rachel will be holding down the fort and caring for Winston (our cat) when we travel to Wyoming later this month for the total solar eclipse. This will be Jim's fourth and Katy's third eclipse—arguably God's most wondrous show for us earthlings. They also gifted us with a metal sculpture, Rusty the cat, who is currently climbing our dining room wall.



Rusty

We also briefly hosted David and Anne Bennett who founded New City Barrio Nuevo ministries in South Phoenix, AZ. This has grown to be a thriving mercy and outreach ministry involv-

ing several churches and many volunteers serving the local community. Also with us were Cloudhaven Board member Rick and Karen Steele. They all were here to attend the funeral of Andy Balcom, a ruling elder for 30 years at Westminster Presbyterian in Alamogordo and a faithful servant of his Lord and Savior.



Isaac & Elias Moon

Isaac and Elias Moon came for an overnight to help supervise Jim in his current exploration of micro controllers and robotics. They, along with a few of their other siblings (there are ten in all) are noted for their time lapse Lego animations. Their dad, Shelby is Pastor at Westminster in Alamogordo.



Becky & Dan Young and friend

It was wonderful to have Dan and Becky Young with us for a couple of days. They are missionaries in McAllen, TX, and with their family were the first guests of Cloudhaven way back when. Becky is a wonderful artist and

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The Smiths, Asburys & Fullers

blessed us with a lovely watercolor portrait.

Another family that encouraged and mentored us as we began our ministry at Cloudhaven are the Smiths. They returned (all 16 of them) for a family reunion. All Rick & Vicki's children—Brea (Asbury,) Mesha (Fuller,) Jonathan and Nathanael are now married and have growing families of their own—a great testimony to the faithfulness and provision of the living God. Rick, Vicki and Mesha are missionaries here in the states with *In Faith*.



Our carved & stained kitchen door

Last newsletter, we featured the wonderful wood carving that Katy commissioned from Jerry Crump for Jim's 75th birthday. Now that his 76th is coming this month, we thought you'd like to see how it came out after Jerry stained and colored it and Jim attached it to our kitchen door.

Tell ya what...

Big changes are coming up for Cloudhaven in this our 15th year of ministry. The Baileys are slowing down

(getting old,) so having consulted with our Board of Directors, after the end of this year we will be reducing the scope of the ministry. In the main house we will no longer be accepting guests, offering services or serving meals. Beginning next year, we will still welcome guests in our guest house, but they will be responsible for their own meals—either via the guest house kitchen or in Cloudcroft.

Most importantly, to be clear to our faithful supporters and to ease our administrative workload, we will terminate our tax exempt ministry status at the end of this year. The Baileys will gratefully accept any free will offerings that guests may contribute to our utility, laundry and upkeep costs, but none will be tax deductible. All donations to Cloudhaven received after December 31st will be returned to you. We do need your continued help with our operational expenses as we finish up the year. Any Cloudhaven monetary assets left at the end of the year will be transferred to the presbytery Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America to support church planting in New Mexico and El Paso, TX.

Due to weather concerns, and with thanks to master chefs Mike and Susan Newnam, instead of our annual Christmas at Cloudhaven celebration this year we are hosting a grand pig roast on September 30th—see sidebar. We hope that you can join us for this celebration of God's faithfulness!

God has continued to use Cloudhaven for his purposes for these many years, and we look forward to seeing how he'll use this special place and us in the future. Your participation in this ministry has borne much fruit for God's kingdom.

We have been greatly blessed to have been a part of what he's done in our midst. May all the glory be his...

Soli Deo Gloria!



You're Invited!

A Grand Pig Roast

In celebration of 15 years of ministry at Cloudhaven

Saturday, September 30th
1:00 - 5:00 PM
(feast served 1:30 - 2:30)

Rain or shine at Cloudhaven,
30 Lakeview Drive,
Cloudcroft, NM

Driving directions are on our
web site: cloudhaven.org
or call (575) 682-2720

We'll provide the pig and some fixins, but if you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share with all

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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