



# 2008 Radtke Family "CHRISTMAS LETTER"



## Cassidy

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- \* Cassidy's biggest highlight is her gymnastics/trampoline class. She's LOVES it and is now in an advanced class and is being trained weekly by George Hery, who was rated #1 in the world as the World Trampoline Champion.
- \* We watched with amazement as she quickly proved to be a natural. She's learned to do front layouts, front limbers, front aerials, back flips, front & back handsprings, front & back walkovers & has almost accomplished doing the splits.
- \* She's really enjoying the High Sierra Youth Group; they get to participate in so many great activities & outreaches.
- \* We sold her little Yamaha TTR90 motorcycle & bought her a Yamaha TTR125. It's the perfect size and more fun.
- \* She invited her cousin to attend a 6 day/night Christian Youth Camp. It was so exciting because at this camp, Lexie became a born again Christian! What a wonderful experience for both the girls; one they'll sure to never forget.
- \* If Cassidy's not on her trampoline, which is so rare, you'll find her on the computer, doing gymnastics, motorcycle riding, bike riding or re-arranging/organizing her room (on a weekly basis). She's also been busy with babysitting too.
- \* She's disappointed that this will be her last year at Faith Christian Academy; she's been there since kindergarten!
- \* In addition to our family vacations, Cassidy had a few FUN trips with her friends, one to Monterey, CA & then to Las Vegas. She called from a fancy store in Vegas & said **"MOM! I'm at a store where they're bringing clothes to me to try on ~ IT'S SO COOL!"** Quite a change from shopping at thrift stores, which she's gotten accustomed to!

## Tyler

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- \* Tyler is mostly interested in: girls, dirt bikes, snowboarding, air soft/paintballing, cars & hanging out with friends.
- \* After enduring 2 years of top & bottom braces on his teeth, on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> he was relieved to have them taken off!
- \* Tyler made an awesome video of himself dirt bike riding! Check it out: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mM3IYjU5gfY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mM3IYjU5gfY)
- \* He's a freshman at a Christian, "college prep" High School, but it's definitely a challenge, since old work habits just won't cut it. He's learning to master a "new skill"; it's called studying & turning in assignments! He really does enjoy Sierra Lutheran High, but was bummed that he couldn't play football since they don't have a football team yet, so he wants to go to public school, Douglas High, next year & be on their football team. Meanwhile, he's enjoying Basketball
- \* On Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyler got his driver's permit ~ **YIKES!!** He already has 28 hours of driving time in less than 2 months!
- \* For the past 5 months, he's been weight lifting every day, trying to beat how much his dad lifted when he was a freshman (years ago), which was 220 lbs. Tyler's up to 165 lbs. already and is determined to beat him!
- \* He attended 3 awesome, Christian youth camps this year. One was a week long summer camp for junior & high school students with our new church. Despite the fact that Tyler as well as "40" out of "42" kids were throwing up because of a highly contagious stomach flu....yuck ~ all the kids agreed it was still the best camp ever.

## Glen

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- \* Glen's kept busy with lots of home improvements and of course, never ending honey-do lists. We stained our huge deck, put in a patio, graveled the walkways & replaced most of our wood fence. (We're saving up to finish it soon).
- \* When his partner retired in the spring, Glen was promoted to the manager of the Douglas County facilities department, which was definitely an honor. But then he decided that the pay wasn't worth all the extra stress, so he decided not to accept the offer since he just prefers working as a hands-on employee anyway & not a manager again!
- \* He's really enjoying the Men's bible study at High Sierra and has even been blessed to teach a few times.
- \* After years of dialysis, because of diabetes affecting her kidneys, Glen's mom, who's been living with us for 2½ years, had a very successful kidney transplant in June. This was truly an answer to our prayers & she's doing great.
- \* Glen's been so faithful eating better, using the treadmill, hiking the hills behind our house and weightlifting too.
- \* Boy did he scare Cassidy when they went motorcycle riding & he crashed. He was okay, but hurt his ribs pretty bad and then of course, wasn't able to do much riding, golfing, weightlifting, etc. for the rest of the summer.
- \* Neither Glen, nor Tyler, received a deer tag this year. You'll have to ask Glen the reason why they didn't. (I'll give you a hint: it helps your chances a lot more if you remember to actually "apply" for a tag). Oh well, maybe next year!

## Tiffany

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- \* This is my 15th year of playing Bunko (a dice game) each month with mostly the same friends after all these years.
- \* The County Assessor's office has kept me on their payroll all this time, so I get to work on an on-call basis. If I'm available I'll come in, if not that's okay too. It works out great & I love being able to see everyone at the office too.
- \* I went back to my natural hair color, which means it's time to ditch the dumb blonde excuse that's worked so well. I'm looking for something to blame all my "blonde moments" on. The older I get, the more of them I seem to have!
- \* I'm really enjoying the ladies bible study each week. Oh and the Women's retreat at Lake Tahoe was incredible.
- \* Despite the economy; my business has continued to grow leaps & bounds. I had a great time on a few business trips, one in January to Los Angeles then in April to the National Juice Plus Conference in Phoenix. It was fantastic!
- \* I'm having fun & keeping busy facilitating public "Healthy Lifestyle Presentations" at our local museum each month.
- \* Lastly, 3 nodules were just found on my lung that we need to monitor, plus I'll undergo surgery Dec. 9th to remove my gallbladder, an ovarian cyst, biopsy a small tumor on my liver & also my liver itself! I'm not even 40 yet; I hear that's when things really start going wrong. I'm sure realizing the more uncomfortable a situation causes me to be; the more obvious it is that the Lord's right in the midst of it all! It is scary, but He's given me such a peace about it.