

Finally, OUR Christmas Party in January!

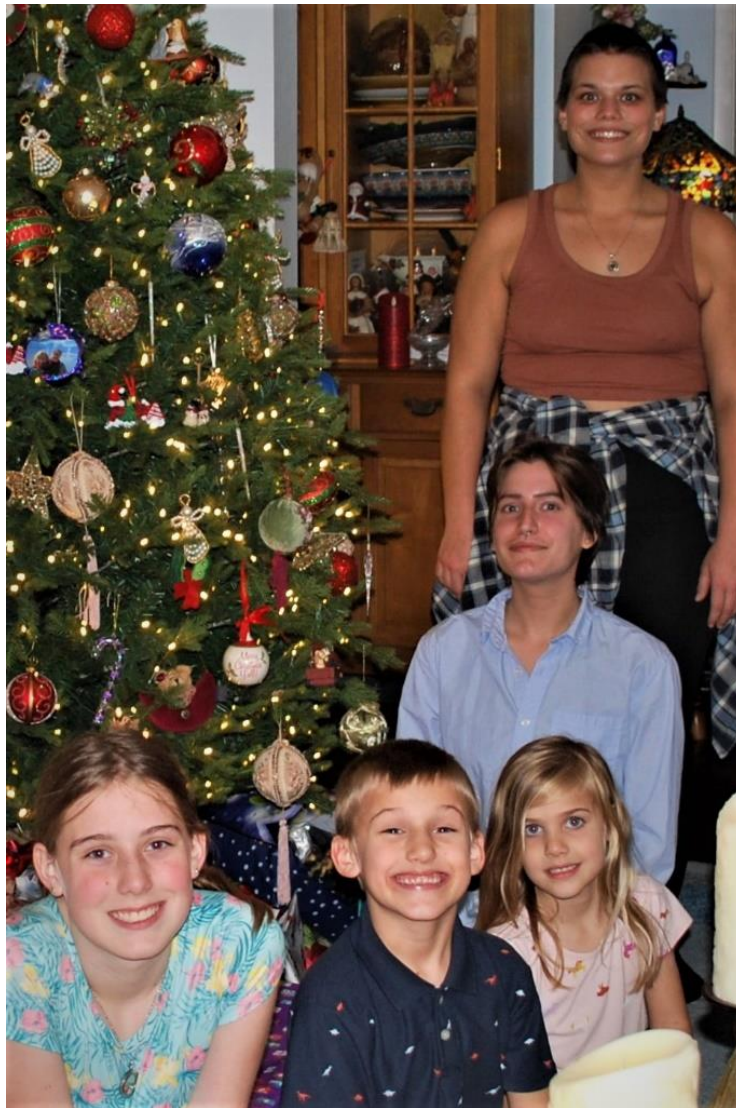
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Our Dear Irma and Eddie,

Since we were in the hospital for Christmas and in REHAB for New Year's Eve and Day, we finally celebrated Christmas TODAY with our family! We had our Christmas tree still up and the living room still decorated for Christmas, and our kids and grandchildren FINALLY got to open their presents from us. We had a very nice time, and we enjoyed having the family over. Martha and I were finally able to manage a "small party." In attendance at this party were our sons Rob and Philip, Philip's wife Christina, and our grandchildren Caylyn, her boyfriend Tyler, Cassie (now known by many as Blue), Jenna, John (still known by some as Dawson), and Paige.



Here is a closeup picture of the grandchildren:



We felt so BLESSED, that even though we had been in the hospital for Christmas, Martha and I were TOGETHER for our 53rd consecutive Christmas, never having to be apart for Christmas. The Lord has been good to us, even in the hard times we have had. And when we can go through hard times, praising the Lord through it all, that proves our faith is real. As in Psalm 46, we will trust the Lord, we will NOT be afraid! No matter what happens, the Lord will see us through hard times, and we will praise His name!!

As I keep saying, I still believe God is going to rescue America and set off a revival, a return to Godly values, and the Church will somehow be united and empowered to destroy the wickedness around us. God has light and salt hidden all over the world, in ordinary folks like US, and that light is the Light of Jesus Christ, reflected by people like US to overcome the darkness in the world. I feel good about what we can do to reflect HIS light every chance we get. I believe this year more and more people will let this LIGHT SHINE. I'm encouraged! God ALWAYS WINS!! He could win by speaking a WORD, but He chooses to use US to get the job done!

I'm so glad you like my writing. You have been a great encouragement to me. In the last story about "Colors," I'm SO GLAD I sent you an "advanced copy" of it! Your suggestions were EXCELLENT, and I used EVERY ONE of them! Of course, there are still stories to be written, and I value your thoughts about them--like saying "AMEN" to a preacher, or "Sic 'em" to a dog! Ha!Ha! You are very encouraging!

Have a blessed week!! Thanks for praying for us! Of course, we return the favor!

We love you, and we really appreciate having this contact with you! However, be SURE you get enough REST!!

Thanks again,



Bob (and Martha--she's sound asleep--passed out from the party I think!)

P.S. Martha slept through the night in her chair with only a minor interruption or two until our alarm went off at 5:30 the next morning for an appointment we had for 7 a.m. I wonder how long we might have slept without that appointment???

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