



Merry Christmas to all,

We hope you are doing well and wish you happy Holidays.

Here is our 2025 activity snapshot. It seems like a lot of sad events came for us in 2025. So I start with some of the good news. Mikes 80th birthday was in February and Faith's 81st birthday was in December; we are both quite healthy and doing well. Another of our grandchildren got married in October (more below). And for the most part all our family are healthy too.

In March, our daughter Lynette split up with her husband Jerry and were divorced and sold their home by May. This was totally unexpected and a sad time for all. To help Lynette through this transition, she and her dog Cami have moved in with us and are renting in the Apartment we built for Gertrude.



Faith and I said (again) that we were not going to take on any more large projects after the basement remodel last year. However, it has been 20 years since we built the apartment for Gertrude, and it needed an update to accommodate Lynette. So, In April we started a major remodeling of the apartment. Even with the help of several family members, this took us until Early September to complete and kept us busy most of the summer. But, in the end it turned out nice.



James and Kimbra's family prompted us to get the boat to the lake for a weekend with family just before Memorial Day. We occupied a couple of campsites in the state park campground, with our RV in one and family tents in the other. Spent a few days pulling water toys and paddle boarding. Strong winds the first night knocked down tents however and shortened the trip for some.



James and Kimbra's family have plenty going on too. Their daughter Robin graduated from high school and started college. Duncan and Lexi are both teaching as substitute teachers (looking for full time). Christian is also in college and has renewed a high school romance with a girlfriend in Texas. James is still struggling with Kidney issues and Kimbra is having some ear/balance issues too. They are doing pretty good right now but would like to resolve those issues. Kimbra's mom Carol lives in the basement where they are remodeling right now.

Spring moving was in vogue again. Lynette's son Nate and his friend Dillon bought a new home and moved from their apartment in late February. Lynette's Daughter Quilt and her partner Emily moved from their Denver apartment to a rental in the suburbs in March.



In late August, Faith and I met Faith's Brother Rod and his wife Cindy at an Airbnb in central Utah with our UTV's for a week of exploring the Paiute Trail System there. It was so good to get away, we had a great time, and we managed a beautiful day trip to Bryce Canyon NP which was about an hour drive from our base.



We did manage a weekend camping trip in mid-September with some of our grandchildren and their partners. The trip was initiated by our grandson Cory (Chad's youngest) as his birthday celebration at Twin Lakes reservoir we camped at the base of Colorado's highest peak (Mount Elbert). We brought our UTV and stayed in the trailer. Chad and Chrystal brought our RV and everyone else brought tents or slept in their cars. Enjoyed nice weather and lots of Aspen trees near the peak of golden fall colors.



In October, Chad and Chrystal's oldest son Michael married Crystal Nierman. The Wedding was set outside at the base of Pikes Peak in Manitou Springs. It was a very beautiful wedding. Almost all of Rod and Cindy's family flew in from Idaho. Several members of Crystal's family also came from remote locations. It was great to meet everyone. (yes, we now have 2 Mikes and 2 Crystals in the family!)

Another unexpected event just came up after Thanksgiving, the company that both of Lynette's boys work for is having serious issues with the local power company who their largest contract is with. This is currently up in the air, but almost all of the employees are currently furloughed and may not have jobs when the final negotiations are over.

We are planning to reduce the amount of snail mail (postal service mailing) for this letter. Since most of you are active on the internet. I'm not sure if I have up to date email addresses and cell phone numbers for all of you. You can always text my cell phone 303-912-1242 with your email if you want stay on the distribution or of course you can send it in snail mail. I have been working on getting the family Web site up to date and will post this Christmas letter there (<https://www.mastersrun.com/xmas-letters-list>). If you visit the site – There will be a small chat icon in the lower part of the screen; you can click that and fill in the message box with your name and contact information. Look at it, the home page is here:
<https://www.mastersrun.com>

Merry Christmas,

*Mike & Faith
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