

## - A BLAST FROM THE PAST!- November-2012

ANOTHER YEAR ALMOST GONE! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D STILL BE HERE...BUT HERE I AM... SO WANTED TO TOUCH BASE WITH YOU BEFORE THE YEARS END...HOPE I MAKE IT! THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN A COUPLE OF SUMMERS AGO WHEN WE HAD LUKE'S KIDS WITH US AND WE TRAVELED TO SAN DIEGO! A GOOD TIME INDEED! BUT IT IS RATHER PATRIOTIC SO WANTED TO USE IT...WE LOVE AMERICA!

2012 HAS GONE BY AND WE HAVE MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE BY AS WELL. IN JUNE... PAUL, LARRY AND ALICIA OUR GRANDAUGHTER FLEW A PLANE FROM HERE, (YES, ALICIA TOO!) TO OSHKOSH, WI. WHERE THEY PARTICIPATED IN OUR MISSION- BOOTH THERE. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, BUT IT WAS JUST TOO HOT!

PAUL AND I MADE A TRIP THAT INCLUDED MANY STATES. I WAS GONG TO KEEP COUNT, BUT THEN I DIDN'T, BUT THINK WE MIGHT HAVE SLEPT IN 18 BEDS THRUOUT THE WHOLE TRIP, BUT NONE WERE AS COMFORTABLE AS OUR VERY OWN A MONTH LATER!!!! WE TRAVELED THE SAME ROUTE AS HURRICANE SANDY DID AND ARE WE EVER GRATEFUL WE WENT WHEN WE DID! WE WENT TO N.Y. TO VISIT DEAR COLOMBIAN FRIENDS, THEN TO PA. TO SHARE IN A HOME CHURCH THERE AND WE STAYED WITH A DEAR COUPLE THAT TREATED US LIKE FAMILY! FROM THERE WE WENT TO MI. WHERE WE STAYED WITH FAMILY, PAUL'S SISTER AND HUSBAND AND WE WERE SO GRATEFUL TO SEE THEM DOING SO WELL PHYSICALLY! WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER, AND EATING THEIR HARVEST OF HOME GROWN TOMATOES WAS SURELY DELICIOUS! THEN OFF WE WENT TO VISIT ANOTHER SISTER IN SAGINAW AND I DID A LOT OF CRYING THERE...REMEMBERING DAYS GONE BY WHEN BETTY'S HUSBAND WAS STILL ALIVE...WHILE BETTY AND I TALKED AND CRIED, PAUL WAS BUSY WORKING, FIXING AND REPAIRING THINGS IN THE HOUSE...HE DID A GREAT JOB AND SHE WAS SO HAPPY! AND SO WAS I...☺

WE GOT TO SEE FRIENDS WHILE THERE AS WELL AND SPOKE IN ANOTHER CHURCH. THEN WE HAD TO FINALLY SAY GOODBYE AND WE FOUND OURSELVES ON THE ROAD AGAIN, THIS TIME TO TN. WHERE WE SAW A VERY YOUNG 90 YR. OLD FRIEND OF OURS THERE. THEN ON TO KY. WHERE WE SPENT A NIGHT WITH A GAL I HAVE KNOWN SINCE I WAS A TEENAGER! THO SHORT, IT WAS A PRECIOUS TIME TOGETHER! AFTER A TEARFUL GOODBYE WE HEADED TO FL. WHERE WE WERE GOING TO SPEND A WEEK WITH MY SISTER NANCY DILLIN. IT HAD BEEN OVER 4 MONTHS SINCE OUR LAST VISIT...WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE HER OUT TO EAT A COUPLE OF TIMES AND VISIT AND ATTEND A FAREWELL PARTY OF A CO WORKER OF HERS THAT SERVED IN VENEZUELA. THAT MEANT A LOT TO HER AS SHE DOESN'T GET OUT MUCH ANYMORE. WE REALLY NOTICED THE HEAT THERE IN FL. HUMID AND DAMP AND THE MOLD SMELL REALLY WAS ANNOYING! THO SAYING GOODBYE WAS VERY DIFFICULT, WE HAD TO LEAVE AND GET BACK HOME...NANCY WAS THE STRONG ONE...I SHED THE TEARS AGAIN ☺ WE BEGAN THE LONG TREK HOME, BUT GOD GAVE US A SAFE AND SOUND TRIP ALL THE WAY BACK TO 9314 N. WYNN DRIVE! OUR CAR RAN WELL THE WHOLE WAY AND WHEN WE'D SEE CARS ALONG THE SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY WE JUST HAD TO THANK GOD AGAIN FOR OUR 2006 VW PASSAT AND HOW GOOD IT HAS TREATED US! THO UNCOMFORTABLE, IT WAS A GOOD CAR....PRICES FOR GAS VARIED ALONG THE WAY...BUT THE HIGHEST WAS IN CANADA, WHERE WE ATTENDED A 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FOR OUR DEAR CO WORKER FROM VENEZUELA. SHE WAS AWARDED A PENDANT FROM THE QUEEN AND RECEIVED LETTERS FROM PARLIAMENT CONGRATULATING HER FOR HER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD! IT WAS A SPECIAL TIME, IN SPITE OF THE HIGH GAS PRICES ☺

THE DYE FAMILY EXPECTS TO BE ALL TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS, EXCEPT FOR LUKE AND HIS FAMILY☺ BEING A PASTOR MEANS HE MUST BE WHERE HE IS AND NO WHERE ELSE! WE JUST HAD LARRY'S FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING ALONG WITH SOME FRIENDS AND OUR GRANDSON LEE WHO CAME DOWN FROM NAU IN FLAGSTAFF. WE ALL THANKED GOD THAT AUSTIN, LARRY'S SON, OUR THIRD GRANDSON WAS STILL WITH US AFTER A FALL FROM HIS DIRT BIKE A WEEK AGO. HE CAME OUT OF THE ACCIDENT BUT NOT UNSCATHED! HE IS SUFFERING GREATLY FROM A BROKEN COLLAR-BONE...WE KNOW IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BROKEN NECK OR SEVERED SPINE. GOD WAS SO VERY GRACIOUS TO US...AFTER X-RAYS AND CAT SCAN WE PRAISED GOD FOR HIS MERCY TOWARDS AUSTIN! WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS FOR EACH OF OUR GRANDKIDS...IT'S A SCAREY WORLD OUT THERE! BUT FOR GOD!

AS WE CLOSE THIS EPISTLE AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR...**WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH US THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR! WE KNOW IT HASN'T BEEN EASY OUT THERE FINANCIALLY, YET YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO SHARE WITH US DOWN THRU 2012 AND WE WANT YOU TO KNOW JUST HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO US!! YOU HAVE ADDED SO MUCH TO OUR LIVES AND WE DESIRE TO TELL YOU THAT TODAY....WE LOVE YOU AND THANK GOD FOR YOU!**

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU FROM  
US -2- DYE'S....**