



2006 Greetings to Family and Friends

The House of Jacob sends our warmest and most enthusiastic best wishes to each of you who have blessed our lives with your examples of faith and courage. You have answered the call of the Prophet who said: "I invite every one of you as members of this Church to stand on your feet and with a song in your heart move forward, living the Gospel, loving the Lord and building the Kingdom. Together we can stay the course and keep the faith, the Almighty being our strength."

We have had a year filled with blessings "unnumbered, pressed down, shaken together and running over." (Luke 6:32) We have felt the loving hand of the Lord tutoring us in ways that help to refine us, teach us and increase our trust in His infinite and abundant love.

Jim continues to diligently serve as the Bishop of the College 17th Ward at UVSC. He has the support of five female members of the "House of Jacob" who enjoy attending the ward and participating in the singles scene. He also keeps the farm going, bee keeping, land development and being an awesome husband, Dad and Grandpa.

LaDawn is still enjoying mothering her own Shirley and Joanna as well as Sara (Mauritius) and Jin and Jen Kim (Korea). She serves as Stake Relief Society President in the College 2nd Stake and delights in working with choice young single sisters. She welcomed the opportunity to teach a few weeks at BYU in a family science class and has ample opportunity to promote the cause of traditional family values. One big highlight was welcoming four new grandchildren (29 total) this year and after staying in each home declared she wanted to be a mother just like these sweet mothers "when she grows up."

Dave and Amy Krzymowski with Abbey, Anna, Eddie, Timmy and Alexa joyously welcomed sweet little Athena to their family. Dave is enjoying his surgery practice and they are eagerly anticipating buying a home of their own. Amy contributes her gifts (music, organization and teaching) in her family, in our family and in the community of Roosevelt, Utah.

Gary and Emily Graham added little daughter, Shirley Lynette, named for two Aunts and Grandma Andersen. Gary serves the people of Pike County, Ohio as a Bishop and Doctor. Emily keeps the rest of the flock (Katie, Jessica, Joshua, Rebecca, Nicole and Jacob) learning, practicing and singing like angels.

John and Elizabeth Fee, gratefully live close to us and we cherish the "meal of the week" and many Sunday evenings together. This year little Andrew Verlan (named for two Grandfathers) joined Matthew, Amanda, Jacob, Hannah and Isabelle and will certainly be part of the Fee family orchestra/performing troupe. John is enjoying his 4th year as a professor at the BYU Law School.

Richard and Jennifer Jacob with precious little girls (Rachel, Judy, Lauren and Emily) delight all of us with their sweet voices, piano renditions, original stories and poetry, and bringing fun to the family. Richard is a top quality home builder in Cache Valley and has the help of a brilliant accountant (that would be Jennifer). They extend friendship, kindness and service to all.

Jenet makes the sun shine in cold Minnesota by her bright, cheery warmth and love. She "presses forward" in her PhD. Program in Family Science where her gifts of teaching and speaking the truth with kindness affects many lives for good. She often performs on the harp and participates in several Choirs including the Minnesota Mormon Chorale. She is a true Zion builder.



Chris and Ellen VanDam welcomed #3 son, Patrick David, who joins Beth (the 4-year-old princess) Joseph and James. Chris works for Zion's Bank in S.L.C. as a bond trader but enjoys most coming home to his family. Ellen amazes us all by baking scores of apple pies and giving them away, riding herd on her flock and playing in the Orchestra on Temple Square. They have such fun together giving sunshine and good works of service.

Chris and Sally Wilkinson win the prize for the most changes this year. Chris began work as a computer specialist for L.D.S. Business College, they purchased a new home in Salt Lake City and best of all they are expecting their first little one (a girl) the end of April. Congratulations are in order!

Isaac and Angie will finish up school at the University of Michigan in May, take a trip to Madagascar and Mauritius (where Isaac served as a missionary) and then begin a new job in Seattle, Washington with Boeing. This terrific duo can be found serving the old, the young, their family, ward members, students and all within their reach. They chaired their stake Joseph Smith Commemoration which we attended and it was fantastic!

David and Ramona McConkie with little David and Marianne are welcoming a new little one in June. David is diligently studying his way through his 2nd year of Law School and Ramona keeps up a lively schedule including teaching her little ones, playing her cello for community and church events, serving, learning and growing together. They also host numerous guests who enjoy a great bed and breakfast while visiting Washington D.C.

Shirley has had a year of accomplishment and growth. She finished her B.A. in Piano Performance from B.Y.U. and the following week went to breath taking Bavaria in the Alps in Germany to assist the Julius Berger family with their two little boys. She traveled with the family as they performed various places in Europe. Now Shirley is teaching piano and working for Emergency Essentials. She has just begun her Master's Program in Piano Performance at the Y and is a joy to have in our home.

Joanna had a glorious experience as a Young Performing Missionary in Nauvoo for four months. She fiddled so fast you could see smoke! Presently she lives at home and is now a junior at BYU in Marriage/ Family and Music. She is a member of the Orchestra on Temple Square and loves performing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She is teaching violin, finished a half-marathon at St. George, and is ever cheerful. She and Shirley are a great support to Bishop Jacob.

Our international children, Vinna and Diane are both married and expecting babies! Gnanam is now serving a mission in Boston, Massachusetts.

We've had lots of fun family activities including a never-to-be forgotten family reunion at the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Our biggest challenge in life is coping with all of our blessings! We recognize our dependence upon the Lord and are ever grateful for the knowledge we have of His infinite and loving atonement. May each of you see His tender mercies in your lives and know of our gratitude and love for you as well. Have a great year!!!

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