



Merry Christmas Everyone!

Well it certainly has been a very interesting year for us.

January started off with a nice visit from Jim, Doug's best friend. He came to watch some football, snack and enjoy a quiet weekend with us. We had a great time. Jesse was able to attend his private school's Homecoming Dance and he really enjoyed it.

February was filled with birthdays and our 18th anniversary. We went up to Big Bear for a nice breakfast and finished our day off with some pizza. We also had quite an experience as our tin shed exploded during a windstorm and sent pieces of tin soaring over the fence and into the neighbors' pasture. We ended up running out and crushing the shed as quickly as we could before the wind sent it flying all over the place. We noticed that our power pole was also damaged and we had to call for assistance with it. The month ended with Doug taking a trip to Anza-Borrego State Park for work.

March came roaring with a day of snow. At the end of March, I began my new business- High Desert Business Solutions. I am a virtual assistant and I work from home doing administrative and secretarial work for other businesses. It's pretty exciting and I look forward to what the next year will bring. We were also able to see the sales of Doug's Photoshop t-shirts at CaféPress.com increase.

In April, we were able to go around with Doug to the different parks in the area as he took pictures for a website. The poppies were in full bloom at the CA Poppy Reserve and he managed to get some really great photos. Our new shed was delivered and assembled for us. The workmen were able to secure our power pole so it won't blow down again.

May brought some really good weather. We were able to repair our front porch and do some landscaping around the yard. We also celebrated Jesse's 15th birthday. It's hard to believe he is a teenager now. Where did the time go? For Memorial Day, we BBQd and spent a day at Disneyland.

June and July were filled with more BBQing, some movie watching and the return of Jesse's blue Mohawk. Jesse enjoyed a week at summer camp with his youth group. The night he returned from camp, we went to the Everlys' house, Doug's boss, for some fireworks. We had a really nice time. We were also able to go out and photograph a desert off-road race. Jesse and Doug always enjoy going to the races, but this was my first time going with them. The weather was really nice and we were able to get some good pictures. We finished our summer activities off by attending the Comic Convention in San Diego. We went for the Saturday events and it was pretty crowded. We hope to attend all four days next year.

August and September brought more excitement. Doug spent a week in San Diego attending his company's ESRI conference. We then went, as a family, to the Photoshop World Convention in Las Vegas. Jesse was pretty happy to be able to attend the conference classes and he learned a lot. He also started his sophomore year homeschooling again. That is challenge in itself! Another activity we all enjoyed was going to see the LA Angels play their last regular season game. It also happened to be their 100th straight win in the season and Doug was happy we were able to see it.

In October, Doug's younger brother Chris came for a visit. He was attending his 20th High School Reunion and we had a wonderful time with him. It's always great to see family and it had been a long time since we saw Chris.

November and December seem like they will be pretty quiet. We enjoyed an evening at the Dufresne's house filled with football, munchies and pool. We always have a great time with them. We had a nice quiet Thanksgiving at home with just the three of us. Doug spent a few days at Primm Valley for work and we will enjoy a nice quiet Christmas at home.

Well, I think this covers our year pretty well. To all who visited, we say thanks a lot for coming. It was wonderful to have you. To all who wanted to visit, we look forward to seeing you soon. To those who we were able to go and visit, we say thank you for opening your home to us and allowing us to share your wonderful hospitality. As always, our door is open and you are very welcome to come whenever time allows. We value our family and friends and know that any time spent with the ones you love is quality time!

We again wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!!

Feel free to contact us any time. If you happen to see Doug on Facebook, please drop us a line and let us know how things are going for you or write us a letter. We love you all!!

Merry Christmas,
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