



December 2010

Here we are at the end of another exciting year! So many great things have happened that I'm not sure where to begin. Let's see.

January was filled with Jesse practicing for his driver's test and getting the required driving hours needed for his license. We also had Martial Haprov over to watch the Royal Rumble.

This past February was a momentous one as we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary with a week long trip up the coast of California with Doug's mother, Betty. We traveled through Bakersfield, Cambria, San Simeon, Big Sur, Carmel, San Rafael, Fort Bragg, Leggett, Arcata, Redwoods National Park, Big Tree State Park, Crescent City, Grants Pass, OR., Medford, OR., Redding, Volcano, Yosemite National Park, Bakersfield again and then home to Apple Valley. It was one amazing trip!

March brought more California Poppies, but this year wasn't as full as we have seen in previous years. We were also able to enjoy the company of the Haprov's again as we ended the month with Wrestlemania 26.

April ushered in the return of Jesse's annual dye job. This year we colored his hair a bright green by mixing dark blue with electric yellow. He really did look like the jolly green giant! Jesse was also able to enjoy a nice day out with his youth group at Magic Mountain while Doug and I enjoy a nice day together. The end of the month was filled with yard work and the occasional earthquake.

In May, Doug was able to enjoy a nice lunch with Jim Ritch because he had a business meeting in San Diego. Jesse took his junior year SATs, got his driver's license and celebrated his 17th birthday. It really is quite amazing to see how fast time really passes. We were also able to celebrate with Jim as he was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, something he had been working very long and very hard to achieve! Yay Jim!

In June, we were surprised by a visit from Michelle Daley and spent a very relaxing day just enjoying her company in Palm Springs. It was really nice to see Michelle. Later in June, Doug helped celebrate Jerry Guardado's 45th birthday at Rosita's in Barstow. Doug had a great time seeing his former classmates and good friends.

July brought about the dying of the hair again and this time Jesse wanted to go half-n-half. We did one half of his head bright electric yellow and the other half was the bright neon colored green. Not sure what he was going for with that look, but he really enjoyed it. I am sure he stood out at camp when he went. Doug was able to attend a conference for work in San Francisco and then one in San Diego before we ran ourselves ragged at Comic-Con. Jesse didn't dress up this year but we still spent 2 days walking around a very crowded convention center and loved it! Once a geek, always a geek I guess 😊

We hit the ground running in August. We started by attending an Angel's baseball game with Doug's company, ActioNet and his co-workers. We had a really nice time. We then went to San Diego to help celebrate Jim's grandson, Derek's, 1st birthday. What a great time it was seeing Jim's daughters, Christina and Hillary and Christina's husband, Marc. We also had a nice time with the rest of their family and friends. We then drove to Las Vegas to spend some time with my parents, JoAnne and Duane Rezny, who were in for a weeklong visit. It was nice to celebrate my mother JoAnne's birthday with her, silly birthday hat and all! At the end of the month Jesse started his senior year of high school and we watched Summerslam and went to a Heaven's Metal Magazine's 25th Anniversary concert celebration "Up From The Ashes II" in Temecula, CA. It was a great weekend.

September and October were filled with a Photoshop World Conference for Doug in Las Vegas where he spent some time with a lot of his NAPP colleagues and friends. Jesse was busy with all that goes along with his senior year. He decided he wanted to go on the senior trip to Europe and he has been working very hard to raise the money for it. His group will spend 14 days touring historic sites in Italy, France and England. He is so excited about going and has been doing odd jobs, selling items online and through a yard sale. If you would like to sponsor him, we have included his latest letter. There is still time to get involved!

Here we are in November and we have already enjoyed a day out at Knott's Berry Farm and had Doug's mother Betty come out to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. It was a really nice day filled with turkey and all the fixings! We are looking forward to a very blessed Christmas and excited to see what the New Year brings.

This has certainly been a year filled with great friends and family. We were able to enjoy some time with Doug's classmate, Chris and his wife Karen, spend time with Jim and his family, see Michelle, spend time with Doug's mom, Betty and my parents and were also able to reconnect with so many dear friends and family through Facebook and Twitter. We pray that this New Year brings you joy and prosperity as we say goodbye to 2010 and usher in 2011. We love you all and hope to hear from you very soon.

Merry Christmas,

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