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GOD THE SON GAVE UP THE MAJESTIES OF HEAVEN TO BECOME HUMAN... **FULLY HUMAN**, SO THAT WE CAN BE WITH HIM IN ETERNITY. THAT TO ME IS ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. - DAVID

David's Corner

God has our family on a journey and that journey is exhilarating and challenging. It has been a year of a of travels (Germany, India, Italy, Ukraine) and as we look back we feel so blessed to be part of God's family all over the world.

This has been a year of growth in our faith. I am officially now a reader, thanks to *The Shack*. This book has totally changed the way I look at God and His love for me. I have struggled through-out my life with accepting the love of the father and living under grace. It is wonderful to see God in a different view point. If you haven't read it yet, I highly recommend reading it.

This year I have done six missionary videos and four more to finish up next year. Five of the six were repeat missionaries as I created a video for them in 2006. I am truly blessed to have this wonderful opportunity to serve God using my gifts.

Thank you for Supporting us in Prayer and gifts. You are a blessings not only to us but to the many missionaries we serve together.

Hannah is 10 years old and a wonderful young woman who loves God. For her birthday we adopted a dog and he has been a wonderful addition to our family. Hannah is playing the trumpet this year in band at school and is loving music more and more.

Megan is 8 years old and a delight. Her favorite playmates are her brother and sister. She

loves to cook breakfast with Dad in the morning and snuggle with Mom in the afternoon.

Micah is 4 years old and in preschool. He loves the interaction with teachers and other children. He is the one who desires to sit down and talk. He loves music and pretends his toy chain saw is his guitar. We have our own family worship band.

✕ Peace on earth ✕

The closer we want to get to God, the closer we will have to get to the people around us. - Anna

ANNA'S THOUGHTS ABOUT MALAWI

For those who did not read nor receive our email, I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Malawi Africa for 16 days in November. I took the place of a leader who was not able to go. God opened the door for me to fulfill my life long dream of going to Africa on a missions trip. I thoroughly enjoyed holding and loving children, meeting with Aids victims and visiting villages that were made up of mud huts.

What struck me personally while I was there was the fact that they have nothing

yet they have so much joy and hope. They don't know if they are going to live beyond the next couple of months or years but today they dance and celebrate. It put my life in perspective and taught me to look at life through different lenses.

So, we will try to dance more often and celebrate whenever we can, but most of all I want to have that joy that is not based on circumstances or things because we already have received the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

