



## Merry Christmas!

Greetings from Arrowhead and the Rayburn family. As I (Michelle) write this, it's just over a week until Christmas and it's hard to believe it! Can 2011 really be almost gone?

This year, we had Dallas graduate and head off to college. He loves it and he doesn't come home all that often. We're glad he's been able to be a godly influence on young people on his campus. It's been a bit of an adjustment having just three of us at home and Austin seeks opportunities to socialize with friends. We've had more "empty nest" moments as Phil and I sit home alone in the evenings.

Phil just started a big project dealing with the rotting floor in the kitchen in the lodge at camp. Again, he's seeing the downside of a 100+ year old building. After he removes layers of old flooring and gets down to the deteriorating boards, he will replace them, add a new subfloor and install new linoleum. He still has some other projects to finish, including building bunk beds and building upkeep, so he won't run out of things to do this winter.

Michelle started another writing job recently. She's contracted to write the monthly newsletter for a national ministry, Mission America Coalition ([www.missionamerica.org](http://www.missionamerica.org)). She researches stories and writes leads for the newsletter. It's more journalistic than her normal writing and she's learning some new skills.

After a lot of headache, we finally got everything settled for our new health insurance.

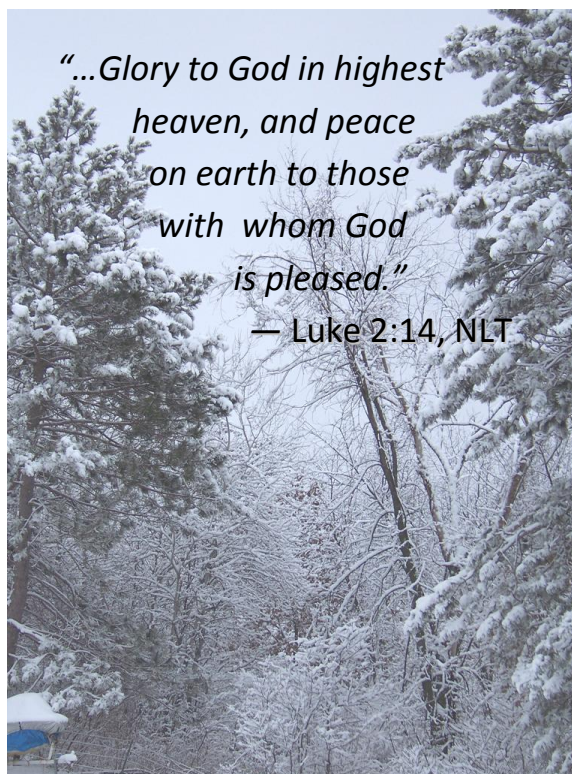
As we look back over 2011, we see a theme that's been consistent in the 5 ½ years that we've been at Arrowhead. God is faithful. And God has demonstrated that faithfulness through people like you. Through the love of our family, the financial support of many generous donors, and the prayers of friends who have a heart for camp ministry, we see how God meets every one of our needs through his people.

As we look back, we can see all of the extra expenses, a couple of major car repairs, home repairs, increased cost of gas and groceries and all those other things that stretch our budget and yours too, no doubt, and we can see how God met every need in ways we didn't expect. And all we can do is humbly thank Him for providing. We can't wait to see what he has planned for next year!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your family. In the middle of all the business, we hope you have some moments to see the wonder of the gift of Jesus. It is because of him that we have hope, no matter what happens.

Christmas blessings to you,

*Michelle, Phil, Dallas and Austin*



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