

Dearest Friends & Family,
We've had another blessed
year here in Central Oregon.
Here are some highlights.



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It's been a great year connecting with family, friends and DoDDS folk near and far. A special highlight was flying to Texas for the wedding of DoDDS friends, Sam and Lisa Gingles, and a side trip to see Steve and Elke Provinsal.

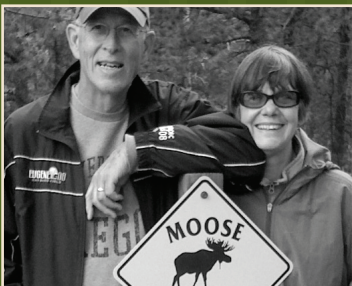
Anna surprised us with a trip to Oregon in May. She continues to work at NYU as an administrator and Doctoral candidate. She is showing interest in the west coast which delights her "Oregon" parents! The Boston Marathon is on her calendar for this spring.



Isaac and Alexis announced their engagement this past summer. After a seven year relationship, Lex already seems part of the family. We look forward to celebrating a wedding in Brooklyn next year!

Jeff, Pam, and grandchildren, Bethany Anne and Isaac Stephen stopped by for a 2 week visit this summer in route to their new assignment in Hawaii. They are expecting #3 in May. Jeff deploys to Iraq for the 3rd time so Oma and Opa get to travel to the Islands to support Pam and kids. We have always wanted our grandchildren to live "down the block"--but this might even be better!

We were glued to the TV during World Cup. The Marchants (good friends from Stuttgart) popped in to catch the Germany match. Bethany travelled over the mountain to join us for several games. She is still working in marketing and graphic design at the "Duck Store" in Eugene. We are all avid Duck fans and are enjoying their #1 football status.



In August we welcomed a German exchange student, Inken into our home for the school year. She certainly brings a bit of our favorite foreign culture into our lives.

August also gave us a chance to deliver our granddaughter to college in Colorado and visit other Academy and DoDDS friends in the area.



Back to the working world, Sue accepted a part time job with the school district supporting a medically fragile student for 2hrs/day and Stephen is subbing for the calculus teacher at the local Christian school.

In October we flew to Hawaii for a rendezvous with the entire family.

We are adjusting to going from retirement, to part time jobs and empty nest to full time teen parenting. It will be good to re-retire in June with a rich year behind us.

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we reflect on each of you and the blessings you have brought to our lives.

The Schmidt's

