

Grace, mercy, peace and love in Jesus,

Happy Holidays to all of you! We hope and pray all is well. We were able to enjoy Thanksgiving and had a wonderful time. We held a Thanksgiving Day lunch at the church building and it was very nice. One brother who does not have family in the area and who had not been to church in quite a while came and really enjoyed himself. We had a great turnout. This has been a great event for several years now.

That night we went to Coach Tom's house and spent the evening with his family. Tom Ditaranto is the Athletic Director and boys head basketball coach at Bridgemont High School. He has children Caleb and Shiloh's age and they had a blast playing together. We have continued to grow close and spend some good time together. Tonight we play our first game of the season. I will be coaching the varsity girl's team. Last night we held a function at the church building and both the girls and boys basketball teams and their parents came out for a preseason dinner. The parents and the students could not believe the changes that have been made to their old campus, particularly the new worship center which used to be the school's multi-purpose room. Other than the basketball season which will last through February 13, I still teach Freshman Bible at the school and continue to have special relationships with our students and have several Bible studies going on with students right now.

At the beginning of November we had a new family come to church that had just moved from the L.A. area. They attended the Whittier Church of Christ there. John and Laura Zamora have seven children, ages ranging from 19 to 10 years old. John came to San Francisco to work for the San Francisco United School District and Laura is a math teacher. John and Laura adopted all the children and have done an outstanding job raising them in a Christian home. Since they first attended we have been to their house every Tuesday and Thursday night to pick up several children at a time and go to the nearest Starbucks to have a Bible study. We have really covered a lot of material and important conversation. One of the young ladies has expressed interest in being baptized very soon. We are so thankful that God has brought us together with this great family. The older Zamora children are already helping serve in different ways in the church and the younger ones have already been a part of activities with the other younger children in the church. We are in the process of making plans to watch all the children and give John and Laura a date night. Of course they said, "Are you sure you know what you're getting yourself into?" I said, "Bring it on!"

Caleb and Shiloh continue to learn so much in their Martial Arts class and Dory always works so hard at teaching them in home school. Shiloh is on the brink of being able to read. I am so proud and thankful Dory has been the key person to help bring about all of these things in our children's lives.

This Sunday will be potluck Sunday and we allow the children to start off our worship assembly on that day by either reading a Scripture, singing a song, or something. Of course my Caleb will be reading a passage and always does such a good job. Shiloh has sung with the other children in some of the little singing groups. We are so thankful for

all of our teachers and parents that work with the children at Lake Merced. The children are truly growing and we do want to make sure they are a priority in this church.

I had an infection in my front tooth which was a false tooth that I have had since I was fifteen years old. They had to extract it and do a bone graph in order to prepare for an implant. I have to wear a stayplate for three months while it heals and then wait another several months for the crown. Wow! Unbelievable! Anyway, of course I am making the best of it☺ I just sound funny with my stayplate in. The only other option is to take it out. Of course, that way people truly believe I am from Oklahoma☺ Actually, I have started leading singing again and it's not too bad. I am set to preach tomorrow morning with it for the first time. We will see how it goes☺

We love you all and thank you so much for your faithful and loving support. Things are going well here and you have been and are such an important part of that.

God bless you in the name of Jesus,

Paul Fletcher Family