Corbett Christmas 2009

Freedom is rooted in a virtuous people who seek to understand God. There has been and will always be a struggle between mans ego and a willingness to subordinate to a supreme being ...



An update for 2009:

Katelyn (23yrs) vacationed and studied (of course) over spring break at the Delray Beach condo with two classmates; she finished her 2nd year of Med School and passed the USMLE Step 1 Boards. Shortly after the boards (a big relief) she spent a week with a good friend she met during her 2003 summer NASA Internship program in New Mexico who is now an engineer working in San Francisco. After she returned to Cincinnati, we flew to London and boarded the Norwegian Jade for a 2 week Mediterranean cruise. The first 2 days at sea allowed Katelyn to catch up on much needed sleep! Ports were Malaga and Barcelona in Spain - Cannes, France - Livorno, Pisa, Tuscany, Rome in Italy as well as the

Vatican - Gibraltar - Lisbon, Portugal and Vigo, Spain. For me, swimming in the Mediterranean Sea in Cannes was better than any spa treatment! The Plaça d'Espanya fountains and night lights in Barcelona as well as the multi cultural atmosphere made Spain a must return. For Rich, it was being on the ship's navigational station while we were experiencing 90 plus knot winds which forced a lock down of the ship. While many lounge chairs were blowing off the ship, fearful passengers headed to their cabins early with their life preservers on. We just enjoyed the ride and played a few games of Rummy in the empty game room. I guess we just had our sea legs! Katelyn returned to school the day we returned from London.



Taylor (20yrs) finished his first year of college at The University of Akron in May of 2009. He transferred to Miami University as a sophomore this fall and is majoring in Geography/ Urban Planning and Development. He chose to be closer to his friend Jessica, who delivered Alexis, a baby girl, this past February 24th. Taylor is not the biologi-

cal father. Despite this, he has been a true and faithful friend and has been full of gracious support to both Jessica and her baby.

"Even though you planned evil against me, God planned good to come out of this."^{Gen. 50:20} It has been a challenging year for everyone involved.

In the quiet of the early morning, the sun rises on our nation's capital and displays the inscription on the east side of the top of the Washington Monument, the highest point in Washington DC. "LAUS DEOS" (*Praise be to God*) the first moment of worship from the CREATED to the CREATOR ...

> Through all of our deceptions, lies, doubts, fears, successes, failures, triumphs, and disappointments, **God is constant, God is infinite, God is** ... yet, we still keep searching for *His peace*.



Lots of love to everyone. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Brenda, Rich, Katelyn and Taylor