

Merry Christmas to All

For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16).

Reed & Sherry – This year we have been serving as part-time service missionaries in the Salt Lake Inner City project. Our assignment has been to the West Valley 1st Ward (about 3900 South and 3500 West). The Inner City project now has about 700 missionaries serving wards in many locations in the valley, not just the inner city. Our assignment is to help Bishop Beeler with welfare needs in his ward. This has been an opportunity for Sherry to shine. Most of the needs have been with single sisters. Reed has been there for priesthood support. We've helped a handful of families with dentures, medical care, emotional support and job search skills.

In September we returned to Thailand with Sherry's brother Les and his wife Laura. While we spent a few days in Bangkok most of our time was spent in the south at the resort area on the Indian Ocean known as Phuket. Phuket has beautiful beaches on the west and incredible limestone cliff islands (Karsts) on the east side. Photographs from our trip can be viewed at our web site (www.theHaslams.com).



Reed renewed acquaintances with several friends in Bangkok. A special treat was meeting for the first time in 36 years with Brother Bunja Tarirut. Bunja was about 17 when he and several other young adults attended English class, Bible class, and church services in Ayuthaya where Reed was serving. Reed always felt he did his best gospel teaching during his mission in Ayuthaya. Not long after Reed left Ayuthaya, Bunja was baptized. It was wonderful to see that Bunja was now married and that his wife and two daughters are members of the church. He serves in the branch presidency of the Rangsit Branch in the Bangkok Thailand stake.



HTown Publishing (Reed's publishing company) printed a second book "Monk to Missionary" in March 2010. The book is the true life story of Reed's mission companion Mani Seangsuwan. Mani was a Buddhist Monk for three years before he found the Bible. Reading the Bible while still a monk encouraged him to leave the monastery and pursue new goals in life. Later he met the Mormon missionaries, was baptized and just over a year later was Reed's companion. In November Mani and his wife Nadda returned to Thailand as senior missionaries for a second time. Copies of the book are still available.

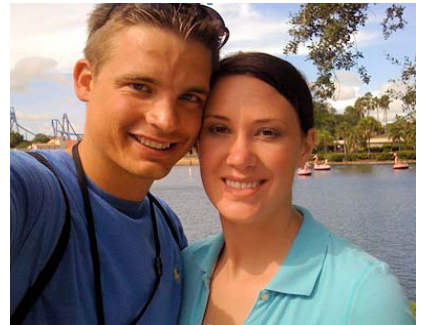


Sherry continues to work part-time as a secretary at Canyon View Elementary in Cottonwood Heights. She enjoys the interaction with the students, parents and staff.



Rob and Des – Robert married Desiree Neilson on April 10, 2010 in the Salt Lake Temple. After they returned from their honeymoon in Jamaica, they moved into a home in South Jordan, Utah. Rob started a distance learning MBA program through Carnegie Mellon University in August. The program is sponsored by his employer Goldman Sachs. Before he started school, Rob and Des spent a week in Maui, Hawaii to enjoy his last weeks of freedom. Des continues to work as a dental hygienist for two dentists in the Salt Lake Valley.

Jared and Melissa – Both still work for Mountain America credit union. Jared is the assistant manager at the Holladay branch, while Melissa is a loan officer at the Fort Union branch. They are expecting their first child in June 2011. They enjoyed a vacation together to Orlando Florida in August. They spent much of their time at the Universal Orlando. In particular the “Hulk” roller coaster was amazing. Jared completed his Associates degree in Business at Salt Lake Community College and has a couple of semesters left to complete his bachelors’ degree in Business Finance at the University of Utah.



Michael – Michael was called as one of two Elders Quorum presidents in his student ward (University of Utah 44th) in August. He has one more semester to complete his degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah. His senior project involves building a gun that can be controlled by the user or by an automated tracking program. He plans to complete his master’s degree in the spring of 2012. Michael has been happily employed as an intern at BD Medical in Sandy.

Kevin and Angela Hanks – In the spring Angela was a student teacher at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin Texas. It was hard for them to be separated weeks at a time. Angela completed her Master of Education degree in May 2010. After visiting schools for the deaf in New Mexico and Arizona and not feeling right about them, she was hired as a 5th grade teacher in the Jordan School District. She teaches at Midas Creek Elementary in Riverton. Kevin is completing his thesis for his master’s degree in Sociology. They moved into a basement apartment in South Jordan and then discovered it was the same ward as Angie’s cousins Brent and Suzy Robbins. Surviving separation in the spring they celebrated their first anniversary in August 2010.

