

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2016 Counting our Blessings





Brock (4)

Tyson (2)

March '16



Brinlee (4)



Avery (3)





Samantha (1)



Makenna (2)



May '16

As we look back at the last decade, so much has changed. For starters, all of our children completed their university degrees and married wonderful spouses. Now it's *"The Season of Grandchildren."* The Lord's blessings do feel like the windows of heaven are open.

Rob & Des: Brock is a tough 4-year old. Rob wrestles with him often. He loves police cars and fire engines. Brock also drives his own electric police car around his neighborhood. Tyson's hair is still blonde and when he smiles, he melts everyone's heart with the dimples in his cheeks. He's getting into building with "Duplo blocks." Coming in March 2016 is their third son.

Jared & Melissa: Brinlee is pictured with a copy of the Book of Mormon. She says, "I look like a Sister Missionary." She loves to read books and dance. Avery (pictured as the Halloween cat) is athletic and enjoys physical activity. Both girls love to draw. Weston, our newest, loves to eat and sleep, just like any other newborn. That doesn't stop him from being dressed for football.

Michael & Stephanie: Samantha is a young girl who is always "on the move" trying to find something new and interesting to do. She only stops to watch "Sofia the First." She loves to babble, but her parents can't understand her. She looks a lot like Michael. So when their new son arrives in April, we wonder if he'll look like Stephanie?

Kevin & Angela: Makenna and her parents lived with us for a while, so we've spent more time with Makenna than any of the others. Sherry tended her a lot for the first two years. At about 9 months she became fascinated with "Bubble Guppies" an educational show on Nickelodeon for preschoolers. Somehow she was able to focus on that for 30 minutes without batting an eye. Thus, today her verbal skills are way a head of others her age.

May the joys of Christmas and the spirit of the Lord be with you all through 2016.