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**Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain
who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the
watchman keeps awake in vain.** **Psalm 127:1**

Dear Friends,

Dann has had a busy year serving at International Teams (ITeams). He has had to wear many hats as there have been several changes in staff, resulting in people needing to be trained in the systems that have been developed over Dann's 23 years at ITeams. He has worked with the new financial controller through her first ITeams audit. He has also been working with the new communications coordinator in the process of updating the www.iteams.org/us site.



In November a new director of development was also added, requiring additional training and changes. He again helped with setting up sound and internet at the International Leadership

Forum (ILF) in May 2010 in the Middle East. On the home front, Dann spent months painting the house, despite missing six weeks due to a sudden attack of vertigo in August. Dann is now in his 27th year as an Awana Club leader.



Nancy's days have changed from providing child care to working part time at Target. She has enjoyed learning something new each day. The early morning start (now 5:30 a.m.) has been a challenge, but it also allows her to be



home by mid-morning. She still serves on the boards for our church and the Evangelical Child and Family Agency. Two women's Bible studies have brought opportunities to learn, fellowship, and lead. Nancy also spent most of her spare time during the warmer weather painting our home. We tried

not to think about 25 porch columns, four sides each, 13 different elements per side; we just kept on painting!

Elizabeth, Jerry and Kiera, still happy in Indianapolis, have added 15 year old Brittany to their family. They were able to spend Christmas with us, along with Nancy's mother and Benjamin, who is working full time for Aramark Food Services at Northern Illinois University. Note the family picture: this is the 23rd year we have made the kids wait for Christmas while we take their picture on the stairs!



Matthew is a Senior at Purdue University. He continues as a manager for the men's basketball team. He's looking forward to finishing school, finding a job and setting up his own place.

Kyla is a Junior at Concordia University. She worked last summer in a day care on campus, making good use of her gift of loving and caring for preschoolers. She is on the Track and Field team and is improving at Pole Vault.



Rachel graduated from high school. After breaking her ankle in soccer, she attended graduation and prom in a cast. She is taking classes at the local community college and working part time as a cashier, planning to attend beauty school in August.



Michael, a Junior at Westminster Christian High School, is starting the process of looking at colleges, with the expectation of competing in gymnastics. There are few colleges in the country which offer men's gymnastics programs, but we are confident he will do well wherever God leads him.



Danny, 14, finished his second season of Track in the spring. He is in 8th grade and enjoys attending youth group, reading, playing on the computer, and hanging with friends.



Joseph, 12, in 6th grade, likes playing outside on his skateboard or shooting hoops. He has great skill and perseverance in raking leaves and shoveling snow, being hired by a neighbor to help in her yard during the fall. He enjoyed coloring this tree.



Our home, built in 1894, is almost completely painted. Next we need to add the balustrades and rebuild the six decorative gables. We are excited that we have been granted local Historic Landmark status by the City of Elgin. The garage hasn't been started; visitors with scrapers and paint brushes are welcome!



Thank you for your faithful prayers, generous gifts, and loving support. You enrich our lives, ministry and work as we trust in God's provision.



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