



Peace and Joy to You and Your Family at Christmas



Clark Family News 2016

We are so thankful for this chance to update you on our lives in 2016! We appreciate you and look forward to hearing your news this Christmas as well!

Steve and I are both doing well. We hit an important milestone in April this year as we celebrated our 30th Anniversary. We were given 2 wonderful celebration getaways, one with my sister Cheryl and her husband Doug to Ormond Beach, and another by ourselves to St. Petersburg, FL! We felt very loved and had a wonderful time!

Steve loves his ministry with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) helping to send out new missionaries with Cru both stateside and around the globe. I enjoy coaching our new staff during their fund-raising time. I also help run the Cru club at Joshua's middle school. It is challenging to plan snacks, games, and Biblical input to help the kids believe in Jesus and grow in their walks with the Lord. We are thankful for these ways to build up the Kingdom of God!

Our oldest son Andy and his wife Ryoko gave us the good news that they are expecting a baby girl, due on March 4, 2017. We are very excited for them as they begin the joys and challenges of parenting, and of course, we are thrilled to become grandparents! They live in Los Angeles where Andy works in a Japanese company doing US taxes for other Japanese companies that trade in the US.

Ben also lives in California where he serves the Lord Jesus with Cru. He and his fiancé, Quinn, are working with students at 3 universities in Southern California. They both enjoy helping Christian students grow in their faith and reaching out to students who don't know Jesus yet. They haven't set a date yet for their wedding, but we are looking forward to adding Quinn to our family at the right time!

Melissa and her husband Ben Smith are living near us here in Orlando. We are so happy that we can see them often throughout the year and celebrate holidays together! Melissa is a 2nd grade teacher at our neighborhood elementary school (where Josh was a student!). Ben works at Lockheed Martin in the finance area. He was recently accepted into a Leadership Development track and the company will pay for him to pursue his Master's Degree.

Josh is our youngest and is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Avalon Middle School. He decided to try soccer this year after enjoying playing a soccer game on his X-Box! He loved playing goalie and mid-field and did very well for his team. He also plays the euphonium in the band and recently made it into the All-County band. He keeps us busy and "young-at-heart."

My mom has lived with us since 2011. She is 93 years old, and dementia and arthritis are causing her to slow down. She has had several falls and broke 2 bones in her right hand. But she is a trooper and doesn't let it get her down. We enjoy having her with us and are thankful we are here to help her during this season of her life.

We know that God has been so good to us. We thank Him for you, our friends and family, scattered around the globe. We pray that you will be touched anew by the wonder of the Best News ever: Jesus our Savior is born! Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

