



Warrick Review

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This has been a very different year for all of us! None of us saw it coming and we are praying that the vaccines are successful and help us get back to some type of normalcy.

At this time, we have been very blessed not to have lost any family members to the virus, but there have been several that have had it. We both came down with the virus and both differed. Lanee had an intense cough and fatigue. Billy had a light cough with less fatigue. Both of us lost the sense of smell, suffered muscle pain, but very little fever. Our doctor was very helpful and was actively involved with treatment and recovery.

As usual we had trips planned for this year and also into 2021. To say the least we spent quite a few hours on the phone trying to cancel or rearrange travel dates moving them into late 2021 and on into 2022. Only time will tell.

We were able to get a cruise in January. We joined three other couples from our church and did the Panama Canal cruise. I don't actually know what we expected, but it was fascinating to see how the canal works! Additionally, we went into Grand Cayman, Cartagena Columbia and Falmouth Jamaica. This is the third time we have traveled with this group over the last 10 years.



We were scheduled for another cruise in late March. We had actually gotten to Florida to spend a few days with Kristi and her crew when it was cancelled. We ended up and stayed about four weeks in Florida taking advantage of timeshare facilities, before the governor sent us packing. We actually felt pretty safe. Timeshare facilities were like ghost towns and often we had the pool to ourselves. We could even go to a grocery store without any issues, as we were in an area where visitors usually shopped.

After getting back home mid-April, we settled in looking for projects to keep us busy. Billy spent hours working around the house and at the church. He also listens to lots of audio books. He highly recommends a website for keeping up with what you have read: www.goodreads.com.

Lanee continued to volunteer at the church office one day a week. She also does a couple of cross stitch projects each year. This year she completed seven projects during the spring and summer. She had been wanting to do four different snowmen for the grandkids and get them framed. Now to figure out who gets which one!



Early June found us really missing our church family. Lanee got busy baking bread and for about two weeks, we made the rounds to church family and neighbors, dropping bread by homes and visiting for a few minutes from a safe distance.



In the Fall we took off for six weeks staying in timeshares. Our goal was to book week to week and try to avoid hotels as much as possible. We first traveled up to see Kristi and crew in Lancaster, Ohio. They traveled on with us to Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., Williamsburg, Atlantic Beach North Carolina, Banner Elk, NC, Hot Springs, Arkansas and back home. We were careful about where

we went, what we saw and avoided eating out. Even though we did travel up to the northeast, our last state, Connecticut, is still elusive. Maybe 2021?

Brock and April became homeschool teachers back in March like every other parent. Jasmine and Grace worked hard and really missed their friends. Brock found projects where he could work from home. He started making laser signs and doggie dens. He has been super busy since June with the dog crates.



April had started work for the Census early in 2020 until it shut down. She went back to work for them during the summer, with the job ending in October. The girls continued homeschooling until about early November when Hereford schools had all their students return to the regular classroom. Divine is 19. Jasmine is 17 and a senior this year. Grace is 13 and in the 8th grade. We have not seen Alyson and Destiny since last Christmas. We hope to see them possibly in January. Alyson is 17 and also a

senior. Destiny is now 12 and in the sixth grade. They live in Albuquerque with their mother and are still being homeschooled; their schools have not reopened.



Kristi, Steve and boys are still living the semi nomad life. In January they were in the Orlando area with Steve working for Disney until the parks shut down. In May they traveled to Lancaster, Ohio, near his family. Kristi was the food and beverage manager for the campgrounds and will work for them again next summer. Steve writes math and science curriculum for a company out of Houston. They purchased a cottage in the Lancaster area where they will live May to September.



Since they were already homeschooling and were free to move around in September, they traveled with us and then came back to Water Valley for a few weeks. We were also lucky to be able to spend quite a bit of time with the boys this year. Greyson is now 8 and in the 2nd grade and Oaklen is 5 and in Kindergarten. Kristi and Steve also celebrated their 10th anniversary back in March. We got the chance to do an anniversary picture of them with Kristi wearing her wedding gown.



We put this in our letter every year and we do mean it every year! Your friendship is priceless. We can't tell you how important family is. Both family and friendship provide the foundation that we build our lives on. At the center of our family and foundation is Christ Jesus who we say Happy Birthday to at this time each year. We thank God for his Son who was sent as a sacrifice for all of us. If you do not know him personally, please ask a Christian friend, attend church and listen. We want to see each of you in heaven, and do not want to explain to you or to our Father why you are not there.

We hope that you know that we are thankful for each of you. This has been such a crazy year. We have seen so many sick, and we do know several who have died because of this terrible virus. Many of you have been on our prayer list this past year either for praise, healing or in need of being lifted up. Please know that we will continue to keep you in our prayers.

If you are ever this way, do not hesitate to give us a call or stop by and see us. We have an empty bedroom and love having visitors and entertaining.

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and May God Bless each of you in 2021!

