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Review

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HOWDY from Water Valley, Texas! 2022 was quite the year for the two of us. For the most part, we are staying healthy. Billy still has not regained his smell or taste, and they say most likely he will not. Lanee is hit or miss on the old knee. For the most part she did great until we did a road trip in the Fall. The last two weeks were pretty painful. Was glad to get back and get another injection. They are still not ready to do a knee replacement. I keep telling them they have to work it in between trips!

We started our travels in 2022 for a few days up in the Panhandle of Texas to see Brock and his crew along with all our brothers. It's always so good to see family. We all stay busy, so it is good to spend time with everyone when we can.

In late February we flew to Orlando to see Kristi and her crew. We enjoyed the warmer weather of Orlando and New Smyrna Beach for a few weeks before taking a transatlantic cruise. We stopped in Spain and Portugal before ending in England. We did a few days on our own in the countryside and in London before we flew to Albania. We did a guided bus tour in Albania which also included Montenegro, Bosnia, Croatia & Slovenia. Was a wonderful trip seeing so many new places and making new friends.



Our travel trips across the Atlantic got stacked up due to COVID. We originally had trips planned for 2020 and 2021; they then got moved to 2021 – those got cancelled as well. All three trips were then moved to 2022. As a result, we put them all together. We left out of San Angelo late July for three separate tours in Europe which lasted seven weeks.



Part One found us back in England, Wales and up to Scotland. Enjoyed it all but we both really loved the Highlands of Scotland.



Part Two and a new group of travel companions - we began in Prague Czech Republic for several days and then continued to Germany, Austria, Slovakia and ending in Budapest Hungary. It also included our first river cruise and getting to see the Passion Play which is held every ten years in Germany. The entire play is in German... good thing we know the story of Jesus and how it ends.



Part Three and yet another group of new people to travel with!

We started in Amsterdam heading south into the Lucerne Switzerland area - we hope to be able to come back and see more of this beautiful area.



We then continued our trip visiting Italy (Venice, Rome, Florence, Pisa), Monaco and France (Nice and Paris).



Overall, in 2022 (including the spring trip of Eastern Europe) we travelled to 19 different countries. We saw a lot of churches, castles, museums, hotel rooms, restaurants, and miles and miles of road and land. We became very familiar with buses, boats, trains, planes, river cruises, taxis, Ubers, gondolas, vernaculars, and lots of walking.

We arrived back home early September for about ten days. It was time to get caught back up, bills paid and laundry done.

We then headed to Ohio to grab the grandsons for a few days before meeting up with Kristi and Steve. We spent time in North Carolina, DC and Virginia. A total of traveling 6,000 miles through 10 states. We arrived back home early November in time to vote.

Back in Texas, Billy does a lot of weed control and mowing at our home and the church. Working on the landscape is his main exercise. Billy enjoys listening to audiobooks. Sitting down to read a “real” book is a sure sign of a nap. He discovered audiobooks shortly after retirement back in 2008. He keeps up with what he has listened to with a website called goodreads.com. He completed his 1300th audiobook this year.

Billy also stays involved with two professional organizations. The first is the Texas Extension Specialists Assn. We attended the state meeting in July which was held in Ft. Worth and FYI – it was hot! He also enjoys his involvement in the National Epsilon Sigma Phi group which is an organization for extension personnel and retirees. He normally attends the national convention, and this was the first year in over 20 that he has missed. Even though he has been retired 14 years, he still enjoys seeing past coworkers and acquaintances from across the state and the USA.

Lanee stays busy with her volunteer work at the church. She works one or two mornings a week in the office, takes care of the electronic sign out front of the church and manages their FaceBook page. Lanee continues to play Bunko with a couple of Aggie Mom groups each month. One group she has been with since 2002. They are a pretty close-knit group of friends. On the transatlantic cruise back in March she learned how to play Mahjong. She now subs in a few groups in San Angelo when we are home.

Friendship with three ladies that Lanee worked with at Water Valley is also one of the things at the top of her list. Two have moved off, but they still manage to all get together at least once a year. They made the trek to Albuquerque back in June. Found out it is very similar to Vegas.... What happens in Albuquerque.... Another highlight of the trip was getting to see the granddaughters. Always glad to grab any opportunity to see them, as they grow up way too fast!



We are winding the year down here in Water Valley. We are already planning for 2023, and the calendar is filling up quickly. We have made arrangements to travel to Connecticut in the spring. This has proven to be a challenge over the last three years. If all goes well, Connecticut will be our 50th state to visit.

As we come to the end of 2022, we hope that you know how thankful we are for each of you. We continue to keep many of you on our prayer list for either praise, healing or in need of being lifted up. Please know that we will continue to do so.

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us not forget to thank Jesus for coming into our lives.

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones,

Billy + Lanee

Brock, April & Grace are living in Hereford. Brock stays super busy working from home. He continues to build dog crates and furniture pieces. He also remodeled their kitchen this past summer. He did a great job. April is continuing her college classes. She does an amazing job taking care of her classes, her family and working hard to make the grade. We are super proud of her! Divine and Jasmine are grown and out on their own. Grace (15) is a sophomore. She follows in her mother’s footsteps and works hard to keep her grades up. She is involved in track and cross country and does well in both.



Brock’s girls live in New Mexico. Alyson (19) enjoys her job and has a very nice young man in her life, Izaac. Destiny (14) is an 8th grader. She also works hard at school and was into cheerleading this past year. Lanee will be taking Grace and Destiny to NYC this next summer for a few days. They are already making plans.



Kristi, Steve and boys are still doing the nomad life. January through May they are in Florida living in their RV; June through September they can be found in Ohio where they have a cottage in Lancaster; and for a few weeks in the Fall they travel with us. Kristi works as the Food & Beverage Manager at a campground and also does catering while in Ohio; Steve works out of the home writing curriculum for a company in Houston. Greyson (10) is in 4th grade and Oaklen (7) is in 1st grade. Both boys are doing great with their school work due to mom and dad’s home-schooling efforts. We have enjoyed traveling with them and seeing what all they have learned. It’s also fun sharing things with them in places like DC and Colonial Williamsburg.

