

Lorentzen Holiday Update for 2009!

Hello dear friends!

If you are looking at this, you may have gotten a postcard to direct you here! I try to keep my addresses up to date for the "holiday" letter and it's a never-ending job! Everyone seems to be moving as fast as I am!

If you want to be added to my "snail-mail" list OR if you want to update your address for me, [click here!](#) Thanks.

Most of you know now that we have moved to Southern Indiana. It's been quite an adventure to move so far from friends and family and begin again. But because my dad's sister, Yvonne McGuire relocated here over 50 years ago, she has blazed the path from ND to IN (and to a large degree; around the world!) She is the "Matriarch" of the ministry that Tim is working for; [New Life International](#). They supply water purifiers for the poorest of the poor and disaster relief. The Haiti situation has kept us hopping lately. There is so much that can be said on the "job" topic...but as the mother of the family, my newsletter for 2009 is mostly about "my job".



Starlit and spring in Indiana!



My days are about cooking. I upgraded all my kitchen tricks this last year. I'm grinding my own wheat...with my neat grinder. I have new bread tins for the perfect loaf of bread. You get the idea. I'm crazy. Yeah, it's true, when you raise the bar; it's just a LOT more work. But I have to say, I think I feel better eating whole foods. When I'm not cooking I teach and hold down the fort. Zion, Jazzy and Vanya are my #1 priority in my home school, but I have a handful of violin students that make me happy. Keeping my foot in the door of the teaching world helps ease the tedium of the daily grind.

While I down the fort. Tim and the kids run around as "The Old Hat String Trio". Mostly on weekends; they have done a couple wedding this year, several weekends were devoted to the Women's Prison in Madison and then there are the Festivals! The Maple Syrup Festivals are the most fun for me. Did you know that they can make cotton candy out of Maple Syrup? Yup...it's a beautiful thing.

This photo is not at a gig...just practice. Vanya Rose LOVES to be in on the fun.



Here's a rundown on my adorable kids...

Jasper is closing in on his senior year of HS! Graduation announcements are pending. He is really happy to be working for Lucky Rose, a local contractor. The job allows him do to a little something different every day...from concrete to roofing. He likes to learn a variety of things. As a little guy, he began as a Suzuki guitarist, but now jams mainly with the stand-up bass when he's doing a gig with [The Old Hat String Trio](#).



One of his hobbies is fixing on his Mustang or any old fixer-upper he can get his hands on. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree, eh?



He did a lot of fun things this past year... The Jane Austin Regency Ball in Louisville and the Prom being amongst the busy days!



Starlit is also wrapping up HS! Plan to attend our graduation celebration this spring! (It's a good excuse for a road trip.) Here is Sis in her Junior Prom "get-up"...she attended with Cierla McGurie, her dear cousin and they had a wonderful time. You can see her in the Regency Ball photo's as well. I sewed the gown...

Starlit has been playing in a wonderful orchestra... [Floyd County Youth Orchestra](#). Hopefully this link will take you to a highlight. If you click on it, you can see Starlit's face framed between the hands of the harpist that is directly in front of her. I will be sad to see this orchestra chapter close with the end of her senior year.



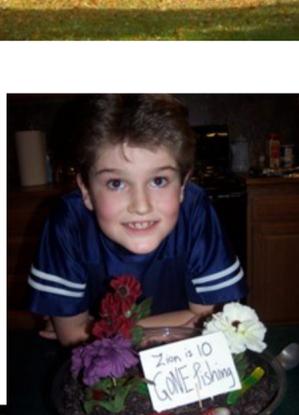
This past year she has also had a neat job working at the Bluebird Country Tea Room and Stage Stop Antiques. See photo beside. (Happiness is having a daughter "wait" on you.) Currently she is sending auditions to the Suzuki Association to apply for Summer Institute scholarships. She plans to attend a Suzuki Book One Teacher Training Institute with or without the scholarship.



Here is a photo of her friends canoeing on the lake for her birthday.

We are unsure of what will come this fall for both the graduates...Jasper is thinking of taking something at Ivy Tech which would be vehicle related. Starlit has talked about U of L and their music program.

Zion is in 4th grade this year and is LOVING his music lessons above all else. He began taking trumpet in a Home School band club last September and took off like a rocket. His note reading spread to the violin and soon he was reading all the holiday songs (about 20) by November. He has a new violin teacher that he shares with Starlit in Louisville, (Mary Illback) and she is a marvel. I credit her ability to see what Zion really needs, and it has led to rapid growth. It's so exciting for me to see him play with such feeling...she even has him doing vibrato! He is also doing really well with his school work and doesn't complain, which makes being his teacher easy.



Here he is on his birthday and with cousins; Cierla, Lindsay, Isaac...we had a fishing derby theme.



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