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December 2016

From the Davis Family,

It has been 2 years since I've gotten a Christmas letter sent, so I am happy to bring you up-to-date with our family again this year.

One of the big blessings was when the church Tim has pastored for 20 years (Wow! How did that happen?!), very kindly gave him a 6 month sabbatical. It was fantastic, filled with fun & memorable times that included 2 trips to Ontario to see Alyssa, Matt and Torre, 6 months with a Mustang convertible (thank-you, Josh!), and our very first cruise to the only place Tim has ever wanted to cruise – Alaska.



We love spending time with our 2 grandchildren. Ella is 2½ now, talks up a storm, and loves to sing “You Are My Sunshine and God Made My Knuckles.” When she comes to our house one of her first stops is the “pilano” to play some music. We particularly enjoyed our first sleep-over while her mom and dad took a night away. We didn’t get much sleep, but we sure had ALOT of fun!

Torre is growing into a busy young boy. He’ll be 4 in February and is always ready for adventure. Bike rides, collecting leaves, playing on Grandma’s “ice-pad” or eating ice-cream with Grandpa all count as favorite moments. I’m so looking forward to seeing him and his mom & dad again in March!



Tim continues to pastor, as well as web-design and do web-consulting. I have cut back significantly on piano teaching so there is more freedom to travel to Toronto, and Cassidy - where the grandchildren are♥. I still hold a seat on our denomination’s National Board and the Regional Council and love the travel that is involved for those meetings – especially the trips to Toronto!

Last Fall, Tim and I accepted the position to be co-directors for a Refugee Sponsorship Initiative the AGC (Associated Gospel Churches) wanted to start. Since then we have become involved with learning the ins and outs of Canada’s Private Sponsorship Program. We’re personally part of a local group that has just sent in their paperwork to sponsor a family to resettle here in Victoria. The work has been very time-consuming, yet very rewarding at the same time.

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As for our children:

Alyssa & Matt still live in Toronto where Matt pastors Agincourt Baptist church. This year he completed his basic training for the army too, and is officially part of the Canadian Reserves. I love that he is trained and equipped for both physical and spiritual warfare. Alyssa will start a new job in January with Shopify. Working from home will be a welcome change for her.

Clayton & Rebecca sold their home in Parksville last year and purchased another in Cassidy. They are becoming experienced home renovators as both



2 Rebecca, Eleanor, Clayton

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Esther & Josh are at UVic & Camosun these days. Esther has finished her second co-op work term in Agassiz for her Science degree so we are happy to have her back on the Island again. Josh finished working at Volkswagen in August and has begun work towards an Engineering degree. School will be a big part of their lives for the next few years.

1 Josh, Esther, Alyssa & Matt



So we are thankful - thankful for grown children and grandchildren; thankful for time & health to work together; thankful for the blessings of rest; thankful that through all the ups and downs of life, God's faithfulness and goodness continue.

From both of us, we would like to wish you all the joy, hope and peace that Jesus came to give, and the Happiest of New Years in 2017.

*Tim & Susan*

