



**DECEMBER 2007**

**We are travelers on a journey**

*As we approach the celebration of Jesus' birth, we look back on 2007 and see a very eventful year. This was a year where much was accomplished, but there is still more for the future.*

*On January 16, 2007 Matt was informed that his essay had been selected to advance to Round 2 in the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest. While he continued to the final Round, he did not win, to be one of the final 12 was exciting.*

*Matt had his senior year gallery show at SNC and though both his parents had planned to go, Dale had a conflict with the schedule for installation of an IBM z9BC Mainframe at Kawasaki, while Sharon was busy writing papers for school as well as preparing for Sunday worship, as she had taken an assignment as interim pastor at Good Shepherd UMC in Westminster. A lot of the show was on-line and Sharon's brother Marty taped the event, so we got to be proud parents even though we couldn't be there in person.*

*Both Matt and Sharon graduated on the same day, Matt with his BSFA and Sharon with her MDIV. We went to Matt's graduation. The weather was great even though it had snowed the week before. It was a wonderful ceremony, with good speakers and of course one very proud moment which Sharon remembers as a blur because of the tears in her eyes.*

*At the end of May to celebrate the graduations we all went to Chicago on vacation. We visited art and science museums, the Sears Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright's house, a Gospel music festival--- so much to see!*

*In August Sharon and Dale went with her parents and niece Posa to Kauai to celebrate her graduation. Sharon got to take a helicopter tour of the island with Posa, a flight she will never forget!*

*Sharon is now busy writing her papers for the Board of Ordained Ministry, while serving part-time as the Director of Children's Ministries at Laguna Country UMC, just fifteen minutes south of home.*

*In September Dale was asked to be the sound engineer for the Tall Ships Festival in Dana Point Harbor. He enjoyed two days of great music, including sea chanteys and other appropriate songs.*

*Dale continued to sing and play guitar with GospelFolk at UUMC and with the choir during the June concert, and also the Praise Band at Good Shepherd UMC while Sharon was there.*

*As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the light of Christ shine on you and your loved ones, lighting the way to hope and peace in your lives and in the world in 2008.*

*Merry Christmas! May the spirit of Christmas, which is hope, bless you all in the coming year.*

***Love from Dale, Sharon, and Matt McCart***

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