

Merry Christmas 2011!

We hope all of you are well and happy and enjoying this holiday season!

Dale has now been at Kawasaki for over 35 years. Retirement is still a few years off, but getting closer! He still enjoys singing in the church choir and singing solos and special music from time to time. He helps around the church with just about anything he can do, especially with sound reinforcement and computers.

Matt is still working at Nickelodeon Studios. He has been moved to a new show, a remake of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! The perks continue --- parties and nerfgun wars, as well as seeing movies before they are released in the theaters. The latest one was Tintin, which he enjoyed. He works hard and enjoys his job. Being in Burbank, he occasionally sees celebrities, and he even saw Jay Leno drive by one day!

As for me, I am still the senior pastor at Linda Vista United Methodist Church in San Diego, but having two homes and trying to live in two places is taking its toll. I have asked to be moved closer to Irvine and I pray that it will work out. It's time to live with Dale full-time again! This year our missions included a second trip to Mississippi, increased support of the Good Samaritan Medical and Dental Group which serves the poor in Vietnam, and expanded support of our local community center. I am planning to go back to Mississippi to work on Katrina Recovery one last time next month as a member of the district team, and I will go to Reno in February for the Western Jurisdiction Clergywomen's Consultation. I am really looking forward to spending a few days with my sister there, as well as meeting more of my clergy sisters! I hope to go to General Conference in Tampa in May as well.

Vacations this year---in January Dale and I went to Utah and visited Zion and Bryce. It was beautiful but record cold! We caught up on our sleep and had some much-needed time to relax together. In April I returned to Todos Santos in Baja with my mom to visit my uncle and aunt. I absolutely love Todos Santos! In October Dale and I took a week's "stay-cation" and went to SeaWorld, the San Diego Zoo, and Catalina Island, as well as getting some work done around the house. Right now we are looking forward to having the week after Christmas off together!

May you know in the very deepest place of your soul that the love of God in Christ is yours forever, and may 2012 be filled with joy and hope! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Much love from Dale, Sharon, and Matt McCart