

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Yes, the Newton's are still alive and we have celebrated our third anniversary with this amazing ministry called Hard Hats for Christ (HH4C)! There have been many answers to prayer and we have been privileged to work on 10 projects so far, with the 11th under way in Vancouver, WA.



"What project are those?" you may ask. Well, after we finished our work at Dalkena, WA, God sent us to Northern California to a town called Potter Valley where we worked with four other HH4C families. While there I helped to finish sheetrock, paint the interior, install doors and trim and grind concrete floors to a fine mirror finish. The best part of this project was seeing a church volunteer and one contractor make professions of faith.



Next, while Sherry stayed in Longview with the RV, three



other HH4C volunteers and I, along with three volunteers from New Zealand went to Mexico City for two weeks. There we helped the Maranatha Baptist Church build an addition for community outreach. With God's help, it only took four days to build the shell. The people in Mexico were very hospitable and loving. We were also able help a missionary couple (Bob and Shanna Barnard from New Zealand) finish their house. The project was started by a local contractor and about half way through he

took the building funds and left town. The couple was able to raise enough money to purchase materials and requested help while our group was in Mexico. It was a joy to be there.

Upon my return we headed to Bailey, Colorado for the staff retreat at Camp Id Ra Ha Je. We enjoyed fellowship, encouragement, food and work. While Sherry and the other wives sewed, I helped with welding horse stalls in the barn. On Saturday there was a banquet to celebrate the HH4C's 40th Anniversary and Sherry



headed up the kitchen crew to prepare the dinner.



After the retreat we remodeled some additional office space for the Hard Hats' Longview headquarters. Following that, God sent me to Pine Bluffs, Wyoming for 9 weeks to help frame and close in a new two story addition to Pine Bluffs Baptist Church. While in Pine Bluffs, I stayed in Dennis and Darlene Korneychuk's 5th wheel. I had a wonderful time and met a lot of new people.

While I was in Mexico and Wyoming, Sherry stayed behind in Longview holding down the fort. Dave Williamson, our HH4C CEO keeps Sherry on a short leash! As his Administrative Assistant, she is much needed at the office. Her stay in Longview was made possible by the kindness of Louie and Louise Ulrich, who allowed us to park our RV in their driveway for the last 10 months (except for 6 weeks in California). They have a beautiful home on top of Columbia Heights, a 900 foot mountain overlooking Longview. Their generosity is just one example of God's provision for our ministry with Hard Hats. I cannot fail to also mention God's provision of prayer partners who lift Sherry and me before the Throne of Grace. The many answers to prayer and divine provisions are the result of our friends who pray. We cannot express how grateful we are for every one of you.

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FAMILY

Another year is over and our adventure continues on. As you can see from the front of the letter we continue to enjoy our ministry with Hard Hats.

Patty is now 25 and working at First Option Lending in Denver, CO as a loan processor. She continues to enjoy the work and is the number one or number two processor nation wide for her company.

John, now 30, still lives in Denton, TX where he is assistant store manager for C D Ski and Sports and is active with the youth group at his church.

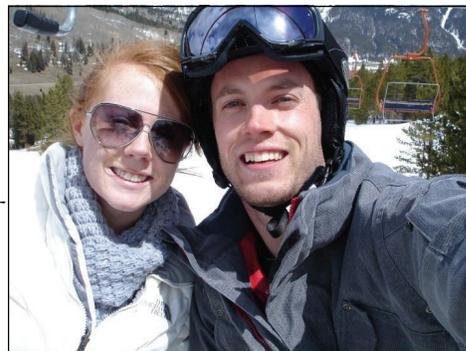
This summer I was able to go to Colorado to attend my Aunt Wanda's 70th birthday.

Most of my dad's family was able to make it and we had a great time.

With joy there is also some sadness. My cat "Mouse" who was 15 year old had to be put to sleep. I was there when he was born and was with him when he went to sleep. He will be missed.

By the time you all get this letter, Joe and I will be in Texas enjoying Christmas with our children. Patty is flying in from Denver. After a few days we will fly on to Mississippi to visit with my brother Kim and his wife Alicia for a week and then back to Vancouver, WA. If you have not seen the movie "Tangled" yet, I highly recommend it. My bother Doug was the Production Designer, and you will see some of his art work, including the castle.

Have a Happy New Year and hope to hear from you. Sherry



John and Patty skiing in Colorado



MOUSE



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Our current assignment is helping to convert a large bingo hall into a church facility for Living Water Community Church in Vancouver, WA. I estimate that we will be in Vancouver for 4 - 6 months finishing the project.



We have an opportunity to work on a project in Chiangmai, Thailand, laying 6,300 sq ft of tile at a Christian school in April of 2011. Round trip tickets will cost \$1,000 each. Please be in prayer for this need to be met. If you would like to help send us to Thailand, or otherwise financially assist the ministry, please send a tax deductible donation to Hard Hats for Christ for the ministry of Joe & Sherry Newton (account #377). You may give on-line through our website, www.hh4c.org/partner/ or by clicking on the "support us" tab. Use the drop-down menu to find "J. Newton". After you've indicated an amount and clicked the "Make a Donation" button, you'll be directed to a secure, PayPal site.

Joe & Sherry