

# Christmas 2007

When I sat down to start writing this Christmas letter, I asked Liz, "What happened this year?" She sat silently, so I guess it has just been another year. I'm still on staff at Westwood Baptist Church where I've been for over 13 years now. Liz is still doing missions with E3 Partners--her third year. She is still pet sitting after 15 years. Andy and Emily seem to have the same interests as last year also. So, here goes with the same old news!



Liz gets to go to South America a few times each year. This year both of us went on a trip together to Cajamarca, Peru, along with a group of 18 Westwood members. It was awesome yet again to see God work in the lives of people as we did door-to-door evangelism, home group meetings with new believers, and got to be a part of planting new churches. This year it was especially exciting to see so many first time mission trip

participants from Westwood. We got to see a whole new world opening up to them in a number of ways.

There are also some entertaining moments on mission trips. One example is the sign pictured here that is on a public bathroom. There are three choices: with paper, without paper (provide your own that is), and then the basic... well... you know.



Emily did swimming again this summer and did quite well in the swim meets. She also is on the drama team in our Student Ministry. She loves animals, hates school, loves spending time with friends and spending lots of time on her hair to make it look like she just got out of bed. I don't understand, but I'm not supposed to. She really has become a mature young lady this year.



Andy works at Publix where he has gotten a promotion from bagger to cashier. He also works with a mechanic which he really enjoys. Did I mention that he's a junior

at Thompson High School in his spare time? He has also dated Riley Sherman over a year now.

We did do our annual Gulf Shores trip again this year. We went shrimping again with Tom and Glenda Smitherman who are in our Home Group. Seen here is Andy fishing at Perdido Pass.



Our church established a disaster relief chain saw team this year. We have sixteen men trained to use chainsaws in a disaster. We got called out once already to help in Adamsville where a tornado had hit. I completed my chaplaincy training so that next time, I'll get to talk to people while the rest of the men work really hard!

I threw in a picture of Moe's Southwest Grill, because that's where the Sunday School Class meets that I teach. Other classes meet at Dairy Queen, Full Moon BBQ, Buffalo Wild Wings and the AmStar Theater. We don't fit in our building! On Easter Sunday we had 3,244 people attend worship at Westwood.



Sending Christmas cards is one of my favorite Christmas traditions. So many of you have been a big part of our lives and mean much to us. We'd love to hear from you as well, so please stay in touch.

*May the joy of knowing Christ be yours this Christmas season!*

*Jay, Liz, Andy & Emily*

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

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