

*We have been blessed with another fun year of family, friends, travel, and busy lives!*

*Our annual pilgrimage to Lakeland, Florida, for the first big fly-in of the year did not happen due to poor weather. Good thing! A tornado went through the fly-in grounds and we may have been victims! The weather did not, however, prevent our annual mission trip to Louisiana.*

*In May, we were able to join sisters Marge and Mary and husbands on a Rhine River cruise! It is definitely the way to see the beautiful German countryside. You are in your own room every night, and destinations are just a gangplank away. The weather was perfect, the cathedrals inspiring and the quaint villages were fun to explore. We also found the houses we lived in during the early '70's, and spent time with longtime friends near Nuremberg. (If you need sleep, photos are at [tinyurl.com/EslickCruise](http://tinyurl.com/EslickCruise).)*



*July found us back in Spokane for the annual family reunion and a nice visit with family across the state. When we returned to Texas, it was to a devastating drought and 71 days of at least 100 degree temperatures. Got so bad we took the motor home to Colorado for a week and camped at 9000 feet where it was in the 40's in the mornings!*

*In August, I had a little mechanical problem with the airplane (the engine quit right after take-off). I was able to get it back down on the end of the pavement (+ 5 extra feet), but not without damage to the nose and wingtip. No injuries, thank God, but lots of work to do. It is getting a "real" airplane engine now, and should go lots faster!!!*

*Bill still has the same activities, playing bass guitar and singing in a band that plays in nursing homes, church choir, Habitat board, driving church bus, and working on the plane. Linda is leading the Prayer Ministry team at church, leading neighborhood Bible studies, singing in the choir, and helping with the children's program. We also take every opportunity to visit and play with the grandkids. It has been a fun year watching the two youngest ones, Sean and Megan, begin to talk, and see Allie begin Kindergarten (and soccer, ballet, swimming, etc.).*



*We look forward to hearing from you and we pray you experience God's Love & Peace in 2012.*

*"For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."*

*Luke 2:11*

