

here for a reason!

As you read this news letter from 2010, you can see some things have remained constant: Andrew – in the real Army now & still in school; Simon – makes a living being creative in many ways; Donna – teaches the dance classes now, still creative & artistic; Jonathan – in school again, cowboys (Air Force), camping (S.E.R.E.) & church (bass player at church when needed); Ron – still involved in church leadership, still involved in computers; Becky – still caring for family whether in town or not.

We have had a year of increase & lots of excitement! Three new family members...weeks of being with our grand children both at our home & in Nevada...children in town to visit...Mom Joyce Roufs turning 80 this past summer & us hosting her party...a wonderful – miraculous – awesome new stove...wedding fun, twice...Duvoli Reunion in Denver...Ron & Becky spent Thanksgiving in Milwaukee with Simon & Nicole...Ron & Becky spent Christmas in Las Vegas with Jon, Melody & Nehemiah (our 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity to meet the little fella)...& tons of snow!

We are still working on the addition to our house. This year we were able to replant some of the gardens, create a Memorial Garden for Eli & Enoch, Ron's fountain is actually working, a finished retaining wall, redo/refresh some rooms & move a lot of stuff around. There are still stairways, a bathroom & kitchen to finish up & a gazebo to be built!

We had many outdoor movie nights for the neighborhood & hosted the National Nite Out. A traveling musical family, The Taylors from LA stayed with us for a week on short notice. We also provided a place for Jesma from Trinidad to stay & currently have a young lady from our church living with us. I am still an Election Judge & a proud member of the North Metro Blue Star Mothers. Between all the other things, there is still time to cultivate the raspberry bushes, vegetable & perennial gardens! (If you ever need any perennials for your gardens, I have plenty to share!)

Money has been a commodity we have been learning to live without. God is faithful & has provided what we needed when we needed it. He has everything under control.



I do not like being so far away from all my children...four different states & hours away! Facebook & phone calls help, but...it's wonderful to be able to enjoy some face to face time with each of them! The time in between is the hard part. So, in 20 more years will they all be back in Minnesota? Sure hope it doesn't take that long...postage to send all these cookies is getting expensive!

Remember, we actually have a couple of guest rooms now so when you come to town, or have guests of your own needing a place to stay, see if there is an opening at the inn!

There are still some things we can use help with in finishing up the house/yard. If you feel led to help out, give us a call.

### RON'S RAMBLINGS.

Last year has brought many changes for me personally & for Youth Resources, our ministry.

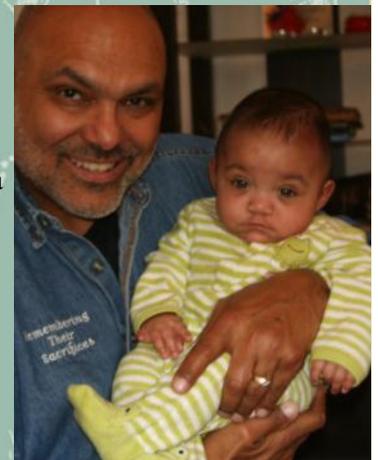
**Major Event** - *not only for the year but for my life.*

In February I started a Masters program with Bakke Graduate University to be able to run Youth Resources more effectively. The Master's Degree is in Social & Civic Entrepreneurship. Even though I had never attended college before, I was accepted into this Masters program. This is a Major event in one's life.

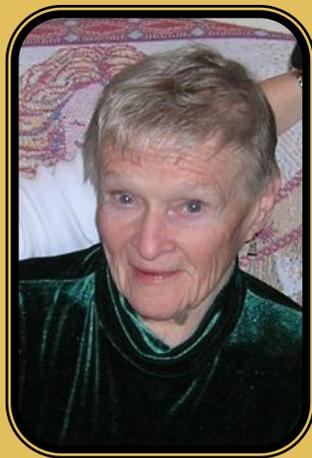
Easter weekend Simon married a Godly woman from Wisconsin. This is a Major event in one's life. May 14 Nehemiah David was born prematurely.

My wife & I had a chance over Christmas to travel to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas to see him for the first time. I can report he is doing great now. This is a Major event in one's life.

September 25<sup>th</sup> Donna got married. I had the privilege of doing the ceremony. She married a Godly young man from North Carolina, Alex. They went on their Honeymoon & came back with about \$500 to their name. With that they had to move everything to NC & didn't even have a way to get there. Through a series



Becky with Sam and Will at a Blue Stars Mom's Event



Grandma Joyce Enjoying her eightieth year.