

Happy New Year 2011,*

Hi, I am Luke, son of Marci and Lance. I am the beloved, deep thinking, melancholy, handsome, first born grandchild of



Grandmum Dawna (GM) and Grumppa Hans (GP). Uncle Tommy (GM's brother) says that GM is "not up to speed any more" and we think he is right, because here it is January 2011 already and there was no Seasons' greetings from her to you so we 3 grandkids are sending them. Actually GM always has trouble getting enthused about Christmas when there is no snow. That is what happens when you are raised in the Colorado Rockies.



I have been around 4 years now and sadly my world has changed drastically this year because Mommy is now working and Daddy is Mr. Mom. Not much has changed with GM & GP however. GP still has a yard full of cars, but he is starting to sell them off; a 1970 Chevy pickup went last week. He said something about slowing down and getting old, it sounded like he meant himself but he is still healthy and fit. He splits several cords of firewood to heat the house and is always busy on his "boy toys", which includes his backhoe, 2 tractors, a dump truck and a shop full of stuff that makes noise and is ruining his hearing. GM says that his listening to those screaming financial wizards on TV doesn't help his hearing much either. He still does dental work two days a week which is good for his ego because he enjoys the appreciative patients and of course the income too.



Hi, I am Ara, Luke's enthusiastic, creative, captivating, sanguine 2 year old sister. Whenever I get a chance I visit G&G along with Luke. I perk up the place with its jungle gym in the woods, a room full of toys, even a car and of course unlimited TLC. Luckily we get to see G&G about every other week. Fun! GM seems to keep busy with church work and trying to keep up the house. She says her energy is gone before the work is done. I don't get it; I have enough imagination and energy to keep 3 GMs busy. Last time we stayed with them for 4 days, GM slept 11 hours straight after we left. She likes having GP go to the office, then she gets to eat what and when she wants and have the

house a certain temperature. She misses teaching but holds church related classes without the TSA harassed travel. She is slowly catching up with her house work which has been long neglected during all those years she was teaching and travelling. She made it through 2010 without any broken bones, hurray!



*For more pictures after 1/15/2011 go to GM's Facebook page or Dawna's.com, 2011 New Year



Hi, I am Eli, Vonn and Tami's charming, outgoing, ever moving, little boy. This was a very sad year for all of us. Since I am one I only knew Grammy (GM's mother) for a year, but just like Luke and Ara I loved her voice and smile. Luke especially loved her because often they read, did puzzles and played table games together. Poor Grammy, her mind was just fine, but she was in so much pain all of the time that she finally had shoulder replacement surgery, which was a success and healed well, but she developed a lung problem. She spent the last of her 92 years

at G&G's home. Her 3 children and all of us were with her when she died. We played hymns for her, read the Bible and as Uncle Tommy says, "had the funeral the last 2 days she was alive." Everyone was grateful that Auntie Marci generously took off from her nursing job to direct Grammy's care. Grammy loved Christmas and it was not the same this year without her smiles, her cookies and her tasty stuffing.



I am Rica, named after a Costa Rica trip GM made. I understand Clonie, my predecessor, sent out a letter on her own so I should get in an arff or two especially since I am the most spoiled, lollie-coddled member of the family. I even get to sleep in at night. Plus, I have a special spot in the Trek motor home that we take to the beach with the grand kids and on trips to places like Tahoe. I hear there is a plan in the works for a trip to Alaska next summer. Great! Being within ear shot I also know what G&G gather from the news, internet (on which they spend a lot of time) and reading books, like the Bible and SOP; they believe

that this wonderful country, and the world in general, is on the brink of disaster. ARMe Bible camp, as well as hearing the speeches by the new GC president, Ted Wilson (audioverse.org), have been an inspiring and welcome blessing for them. All of this has spurred G&G to take their prayers and Bible-related studies more seriously and to be abundantly grateful for Jesus and the hope he offers now and forever.

May you have a blessed new year, with good health, wealth and eternal hope through the promises of our Lord Jesus.



Love, Dawna, Hans,
Marci, Lance, Luke, Ara,
Vonn, Tami, Eli and Rica.

