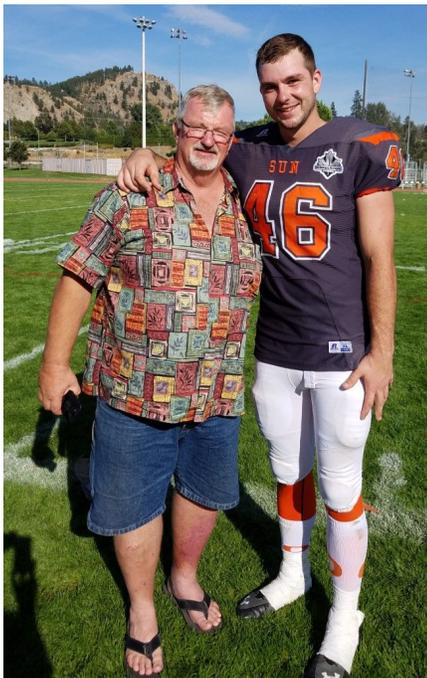


The Lawrence Log

December 18, 2017

This is my second attempt at writing our Christmas newsletter! It appears that I did not save the last one, which is causing me a bit of frustration! So.....here goes!

Looking back on this year, we've had our ups and downs, as I'm sure you've all had! With both children gone, it's been interesting trying to figure out who Colleen is at this stage of life. I think as moms, our identity is often tied up in our children's lives, and all their activities. I so loved that stage of life! Now it's time to see what else God has instore for us!



Let me tell you about Kent and Kaleigh. Kent completed his final year in the Canadian Junior Football League. We were rather relieved, as we've always been concerned about injuries. His shoulders are not in great shape, but hopefully they will now have an opportunity to heal. He has decided to stay in Canada for the time being as he has a good job in the iron working industry. We are proud of him, as he tries to navigate through this stage of life.

Kaleigh just finished her third semester at Vanguard University. She continues to love studying sociology, and is especially



interested in anti-human trafficking on all levels. This term, she wrote a children's book for one of her classes about fair trade. Her primary professor and mentor suggested she get it published! So love this girl and what she is doing with her life!

Gleanings has had a great year! Tons of food has been packaged and shipped, and many lives changed here at Gleanings as well as all over the world! Volunteers and backpackers have blessed us with their service. We had a solar system installed this fall which will save us thousands of dollars! Our electricity bill in the summer is \$12,000 a month! We can now put that money to better use elsewhere.



Rod and I will be traveling to Richmond, Virginia on January 13th for three weeks. We will be taking a Member Care Course with Youth With A Mission. I will no longer be kitchen manager, but will be coming alongside staff, ensuring they receive the support and resources needed as they serve here. Rod continues to love working with the backpackers and in the shops. He is preparing a load of food that he will be taking to Mexico for our Discipleship Training School's outreach into the city of San Luis Rio Colorado.

Praying that you all have a wonderful Christmas celebration filled with many amazing moments with family and friends! We are spending Christmas here at Gleanings this year. It will be our first Christmas without Kent. Sniff!

All our love,
Rod, Colleen and Kaleigh

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