



CHRISTMAS 2022



As we reflect on this past year,
we realize how life has “virtually” returned to normal – although it didn’t start that way!

We welcomed in the New Year in Cancun, Mexico, with our entire family – all 13 of us – celebrating our Golden Wedding and Ben & Jen’s Silver. However, just 3 days after arriving, both Mick and I developed Covid, so the rest of the week comprised room service and self-imposed isolation in hammocks on the beach under palm trees with good books. Could have been worse!



The bigger problem was that Mick continued to test positive, so we were unable to fly home. After extending our stay and much research, we took a 5-hour flight from Cancun to Tijuana and walked across the border into California (no negative test required.) One night in San Diego and we flew home the next day. Quite an adventure!

After that experience, we decided to stay stateside for a while, and spent three weeks in February/March enjoying the sunshine and warmth of Arizona. Our grandson, Owen, gave us a tour of his university campus (Grand Canyon University) and it was fun meeting many of his friends. Once again, our friends, Rachel & Richard from Dallas, Texas, joined us for a few days. We took numerous hikes with Annie, our then nearly 2-year-old Golden Retriever, played pickleball, and just enjoyed relaxing by the pool in the sun.



In April our Juice Plus+ Spring Leadership Conference took place in California. However, this time, we took advantage of the live-streaming option in the comfort of our own home. Yes, after nearly 30 years, we're still Affiliates with the Juice Plus+ Company - longer than Mick's previous 23-year career with IBM! We credit Juice Plus+ for our continued good health (click below for more information.)

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In May we returned to Marco Island in Florida for two weeks, to the same beautiful beachfront condo we rented two years ago.



Our friends, Linda & Bob from Idaho, whom we met in Belize many years ago, joined us for a few days.

Here we are enjoying a pre-dinner drink at The Snook Inn.

Most of June was spent at home, a beautiful time of year here in Colorado; we enjoyed watching coverage of the Queen's Jubilee, especially her tea party with Paddington (complete with marmalade sandwiches).



Taking a break from our 'news', we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our grandchildren. But first, we are in awe of our daughters-in-law, Jen and Erin who homeschool all of their kiddos. Wow!



The K-Dalys: Kevin, Erin plus 4, like the rest of us, support the Three Lions!

Asher (14) is taller than Mom and Granny, loves golf and mountain biking and is a great, patient big brother to his siblings.

Selah (12) is a beautiful dancer and choreographer with a mature, loving heart.

Jesse (10) is a graceful, natural gymnast, tenderhearted and a talented artist.

Josiah (8) is smart, eloquent, holds his own with older siblings and will soon beat everyone at pool.

The B-Dalys: Ben, Jen plus 3, also cheer for England (and the USA when they are not playing each other) – in the World Cup that is!

Owen (20 – here with his girlfriend Alysse) is in his final (third!) year at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, studying sports science (like both his parents). He will graduate in May, debt-free (a homeschool poster child) – can you tell we are proud grandparents?!

Gavin (18) is a tenderhearted young man who loves everyone, Liverpool Football Club (like us) and the Dallas Cowboys, all sports trivia and plans to study sports broadcasting at college next year.

Levi (13) is an excellent player on a very successful Vail Valley Soccer Club team; he's also a good golfer and is maturing into a fine young man, like his brothers.



Final word – we are so proud and thankful that our entire family are following Jesus and living joyful lives (not without occasional challenges.) We pray that continues into eternity.

Every July we like to explore a different part of Colorado, so this year we spent a few days in a mountain lodge near Estes Park, followed by two nights in a Mongolian Yurt. Truly a unique experience!



While there, we also enjoyed hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park.



In August it was time for our annual family camping trip in Sylvan Lake State Park, just 30 minutes from home. These days, the boys sleep in tents, Kevin and family join us in their beautiful new camper, and we oldies enjoy the relative comfort of a very basic cabin (with the dogs!)



The following week, I (Jenny) took a quick trip to England to visit my sisters, whom I hadn't seen in four years. Flying from Eagle made for a very easy journey, especially as our good friend, Tom Aspinall, met me at Heathrow and drove me to Beaconsfield, where we lived prior to moving to the US in 1987. (Thanks, Tom!) Ann met us there and took me the rest of the way to Alcester. The weather was great, and it felt good to be back in the old country.



A few days after I returned home, we heard the sad news that our beloved Queen Elizabeth II had died. Her death was not exactly a shock, but the world-wide outpouring of grief and love was something to behold. The double rainbow at Buckingham Palace was beautifully appropriate and we flew our union jack at half-mast.



Life goes on, and an annual event here in Eagle in September is the [Mountain Rats Festival](#). Mick is co-director, and we are both founding directors of The Amazing Race – a family event we started 3 years ago as part of the festival. Below, right, you can see Kevin, Asher and Josiah at the start (Erin, Selah & Jesse are just out of shot.)



After two years of live-streaming and zooms, it was wonderful to be able to attend our fall Juice Plus+ Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in October. So good to see and hug so many of our dear friends from around the world at our 4,000-strong 'family reunion'. As always, we were wined and dined!



It's hard to believe that our second oldest grandson, Gavin, turned 18 in November. He claimed his English heritage, celebrating with his first 'legal' pint of beer in our very own Daly Tavern. (In the US, it's 21!) Biggest surprise of the evening was Owen, who flew home for the occasion. Here's Gavin, surrounded by men from his family and from church.



That brings us to December and Christmas, a time to celebrate this special season with family and (virtually) with friends around the world.

Sending you our love and best wishes for a blessed Christmas and all good things in 2023!

Jenny & Mick





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Happy New Year

