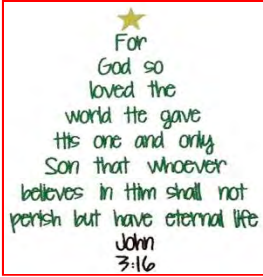




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THE BUSSEN FAMILY CHRISTMAS WRAP UP OF 2023: MICHAEL & RENAE - 2023 was another year of just keeping on keepin on, continuing to fulfill our calling as two of God's heralds (along with those Angels on that first Noel) distributing & proclaiming (to over fifteen thousand kids, youth & adults) the Gospel Good News of Great Joy about Jesus, the Heavenly Savior who can insure that anybody's life can have a happy ending of living happily ever after (and that ain't no fairytale), and be full of the joy of the Lord as our strength throughout our earthly journey as well. But only those with humble, seeking, & repentantly-believing hearts receive that, by personally receiving-inviting Him into their lives as their God-King & Savior, just like Mary & Joseph, and a bunch of shepherds, and even wise-Kings did, along with appropriately grateful awe & worship! **Low-lights & Highlights:** We started out the year with both a highlight & lowlight when we returned from a Minnesota Christmas and passed through Canada to stay with the kids & Grands, which was great for Renae, but from all the visiting, I caught a second round of Covid, and hacked my way, in self-imposed quarentine (away from the fam) all that week - and I ended up with a long-haul covid-cough injury to my throat that won't go away. Oh well, life has its ups & downs. Anyway a BIG highlight of the year was our kids gospel outreach ministries, teaching Good News clubs at 2 different public elementary schools, and at Christian school chapel-times, and at a Sunday Kids Church. At appropriate times through the year we loved giving our Gospel according to St Patrick, and according to Easter eggs, and according to Pumpkins, and according to Christmas trees, object lessons, etc., etc.. Renae must have a pretty good husband, as he let her go alone on a winter-vacay to Florida with his Mom & siblings. She even got to go to Disney World for the 1st time, and para-sailing (being pulled by a speed boat on the Gulf of Mexico)! Another highlight/lowlight is we turned 65 (and can't retire) and got on Medicare (but Oh the shock when we discovered that with the supplemental insurance needed, it was more expensive than our previous health-care)! Oh well. Renae had another great lone summer trip to Minnesota to help the Mom, of a beloved in-law, to recover at home from a fall, and she got in great visits with both of our Moms & sibs. Then upon her return we had a great getaway vacay to Ocean City, NJ's tourist trap boardwalk, where Renae decimated me in Mini-Golf by getting some 7 holes-in-one!!! We also enjoyed starting our new senior sport of Pickle-ball (where I beat her alot). While there over the 4th of July we saw the most fantastic fireworks show ever, off the beach from aboard an Atlantic ocean barge. We also extremely enjoyed an end of summer Canada vacay (where I wasn't sick this time) reunioning with the kids & Grands & some good old Canadian friends around. Matt & fam even took us to the awesome African Lion Safari park-zoo, which was tons of fun & amazement (see fam pic on front). We also had a great reunion visit with an old Chicago friend, and made a great new friend in his wonderful wife Ardi. Also in the Fall was our fantastic Baltimore/DC staff conference, where we had an awesome visit to the DC MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE, and a great time of encouraging & inspiring fellowship with our great missionary-evangelists from all over the Country. We are looking forward to wrapping up the year with 2 other long but worth-it road-trips to see our Minnesotan & Canadian families some more (for Thanksgiving & Christmas), and then see what adventures God has in store for 2024! **MARANATHA!!!**