

March 6 Edie's Edits
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Good afternoon to all my dear family and friends, *Moreland Bible Family,*

It's time to send another update on the "**happenings**" in the Hockett/Landinez household. Although there have been many that fill that category, I'll only name a few!

LOOKING BACK:

One of the worst, has been a nasty and relentless, recurring winter flu bug with sneezing, runny eyes, coughing and a very sore throat... one that makes it hard to swallow... and sometimes fever, chills and cough added that has kept us weak and weary. Altogether it equals at least one week of misery, sometimes more no matter what medication you take. How do I know? I'm just at the tail end of bout #4 of that malady. So is Melissa. Chris and Kim have also had it four or five times, and Melanie twice. Believe me, we're praying for a warm spring/summer to come soon! It's not been a fun "**happening**"!

Another more pleasant "**happening**" that involved our whole family in mid-Oct. was joining the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in our neighborhood. Melissa and the children had been attending there almost a year and I joined them in July of 2008 when I returned from my summer trip. It just made more sense to us to attend a church close by (3 miles away) when we only had one vehicle for transportation and gas prices were high. We have not been sorry. We love our Pastor John and the many new friends we are making there. They have great Bible Studies available to both men/women and also have a great outreach program for the children plus a "bell ringing" group that Melissa has joined.

Probably one of our most memorable "**happenings**" of this winter was our Christmas celebration with family and dear friends, both old and new. How special to attend church and home celebrations together as we celebrated our Savior's birth and gave thanks that He had chosen to come and bring salvation and eternal life to all who call upon Him. **We loved receiving your beautiful Christmas cards, newsy notes, letters, money gifts and family pictures too. Thank you so much for remembering us with such generosity.** Maybe this coming Christmas we will get a picture card made and sent so you can see how the Landinez kids are growing. They are beautiful children and growing up fast!!

I know you continue to pray for all of us and we are so grateful. **I wish I could say that plans are underway for reconciliation this year for this dear family. But the truth is, plans are moving toward a divorce.** Please pray for Melissa, as this has not been an easy decision for her to make. Pray too that Fernando will sign divorce papers when he receives them. Thank you!

Another memorable "happening" was the day we adopted a cat from the pet store. Her name was Beth but the children have lengthened that name to Shadow-Beth cause her color is black and white tabby and they say she looks like a shadow. She was a Valentine gift to the whole family and is a very sweet, housetrained cat with all her shots! ☺

LOOKING AHEAD

As usually happens, we have made lots of plans for this New Year, which of course, only the Lord can make happen. Here's a few to pray about. The first one on my calendar is a trip to Augusta, GA on March seventh, to attend the Friends of Israel Prophetic Conference. It's an all day event but my new friend Nikki has consented to go with me and she'll do the driving! We are both looking forward to having that special time together.

Then on March ninth, Melissa and Melanie have been invited by our friends Mike and Vicki Adams to drive with them to St. Augustine, Florida to explore that historical city, and check out the beach. This will give them some mother/daughter time and be a fun adventure for all. Melanie will be taking a few notes in her notebook so she can write a report of her trip for history/geography class.

Later this spring/summer, I hope to make a trip to Missouri to see Ron, Shelly and family, when Ronny graduates from HS. I'd also like to go to Int'l. Falls, MN to attend my 50th HS anniversary celebration... and see my sister and brothers and their families who still live there. I have a couple brothers who have had serious health issues this winter so want to spend some time with them. Anyway, lots of details have to be worked out for these plans to become reality, but as I said the Lord is in charge of making them happen if that is what He wants me to do. I do want to be back by mid-August as the children will be back in school by then. I'd appreciate your prayers for these "possible happenings"!

Well, that's enough of my "happenings"! I pray you've had a "good beginning" to your 2009 and are keeping your eyes focused ON JESUS in a world where the wrongs are so wrong that only Jesus' return to earth to reign will set them right. I, for one, can't wait for that "happening" to take place!

After a snowstorm on Sunday (which the kids loved) the weather has warmed up, melted all the snow and made us feel like spring is on the way! I took Edie for all my walk this morning so now Edie for all,

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*Quiet. I can even think about what I want to say! ☺
How is everyone at Moreland Bible? Is the church growing? Thank you so much for your faithful support, sent in December. What a blessing and help that was for me. God bless you for your generous gift of \$150. for this quarter.
Well, I just got a call from my friend Nikki who's going to the Prophetic Conference w/one tomorrow. So I'm headed to the store to get some goodies for the trip. Blessings on each of you Edie*