

Missionary Newsletter January 2010

Chuck & Betsy Jack - Advance # 773938

Betsy:



Building a castle for the penguins and polar bears.

The Preschool children are just starting back to class this week after an extended Christmas vacation due to snow and bad weather. This is the time of year when we accomplish a lot of learning goals. The children are settled down after the holidays and ready to learn. Our home visitors spend an hour a week in the home with each child. I am so thankful for their dedication to the families. Amy is always willing to go the extra mile to help a child. This year we have a little girl whose family has lived in five different homes since August.

Each time they move in with a family member or another young family. Amy has diligently kept up with this little girl and provided as many home visits as possible this year. Her mother is thankful for the continuity. Why does Amy try so hard? Because Jesus loves the little children, all the children even those with very unstable living situations.

Thank you for your support of the Early Childhood Development program through covenant relationships, financial support, notes and letters, and your prayers. We need them all!



Making Fruit Loop necklaces.

Chuck:

In October I became Pastor of Jack's Creek and Bowen's Creek Charge. I enjoy being a preacher and local church pastor again. There's nothing quite like it! Jack's Creek UMC is just $2 \frac{1}{2}$ miles from Queendale, where I also continue to serve as conference superintendent. Bowen's Creek UMC is $8 \frac{3}{4}$ miles from the conference office. The laity of Jack's Creek decided the parsonage needed improvements and remodeling before we move in. The energy, initiative, talent and skill among the church folks are wonderful. We are amazed at what they have accomplished! A contractor will put in new windows. Getting to know folks, to visit them and share their lives, joys and burdens is food for the soul and a source of meaning and inspiration. I rejoice to be experiencing this aspect of mission and ministry again. Recently in Sunday School and worship I was sharing a vision that we could grow a ministry among young adults and families. With prayer, disciplining and mentoring I believe we can form some groups and make a difference for Christ in this area of Appalachia.



Queendale sunrise

Family:

We had a memorable December. On the 18th Chuck drove to Berea College to get Molly for break and to Kingston to get grandsons Asher (4) and Rylan (2) to visit us for three days. Before arriving home we were engulfed in a snowstorm. Barely making it back, the electricity went out just after we crossed the bridge into Queendale. It was a thick, wet, heavy snow. Trees and lines were down everywhere in our whole region. The electricity was off for five

days. The boys enjoyed hearing books by candlelight and playing in the snow. We were thrilled when the power came on three days before Christmas. Ezra was home from UK with us over Christmas break (except for driving up for home games at Rupp Arena.) Our son David proposed to Shannon Connelly on Christmas: now they're engaged. Our daughter Annie and Ben are expecting a second daughter in May. Our son James and Heidi are expecting a third child in June. Teddy, freshman at Red Bird Mission School, made Cardinal Singers again this year. They will perform in Ohio and New York, near Niagara Falls, this spring.



Snowstorm damage at Camp O'Cumberlands

Thank you for your prayers and other mission support!



Chuck & Betsy took a hike on Martin Luther King Day.



Bowen's Creek



Jack's Creek

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