



Christmas Greetings 2014
From the Lahns' New Home...
7 Bow St., Cedar Valley, ON LOG 1E0

Well, it's hard to believe that once again we're nearing the end of the year. Cards have already started to arrive and the shopping has started (well, nearly). Plans are being made for the Christmas holidays and we look forward to spending time with our family, friends and loved ones.



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For us, this past year has been a time of huge transitions! The big news was that in June we moved from our home in Scarborough (after 15 years) to North of Toronto to a beautiful 4 bedroom, raised bungalow, with a 5th bedroom loft above the detached 2 car garage. The home is on a 2 acre rural property nestled in the York Region Forest, in the northern end of Whitchurch-Stouffville. We're in a little community called "Cedar Valley" which is just East of Newmarket, near the intersection of McCowan and Vivian Roads. It was amazing to see how God opened up, and closed all the right doors as we executed the purchase and made the move.

The criteria was to find a house with trees and an open-concept layout and closer to the church. We missed on the last point (in distance only, as it actually takes less time to travel than it did before, even though the distance is nearly double), but the rest we got in spades! We love it!!! We hope that we will be able to use it as a place of welcome and refuge for friends and neighbours and we've already entertained a number of times including bonfires for hot dogs and marshmallows in the field.

Summer was fun getting unpacked and organized, working around the property (it takes 3hrs to cut the grass on a riding mower and we planted 50 trees!), figuring out travel/commuting plans for work and school (we had to buy 2 more used cars), and figuring out how things worked and where things turned on and shut off. But most of all, we just enjoyed the fresh, clean air, and the relaxing pace.

Despite some memory challenges, Mom continues to enjoy excellent physical health and has been involved in playing piano regularly at Shepherd Village, Scarborough as well as the many other activities. A real highlight was that we were able to have a wonderful extended family celebration at our new home at Thanksgiving to celebrate her 90th birthday!!

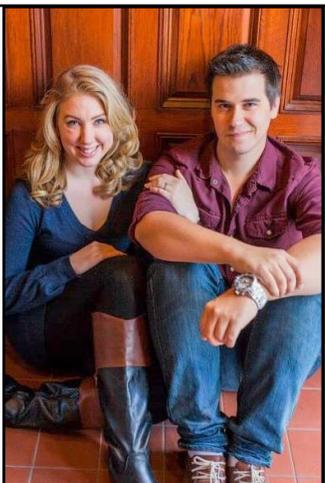
We love being part of our church family, *the bridge*. Nancy and Murray continue to lead a Life Group and volunteer at the Out of the Cold ministry to the homeless. The whole family is involved in the music ministry. Nancy co-leads a support group called GriefCare for those journeying through the loss of a loved one. She continues to operate her home business, Cozy Cuddles Baby Products, and to teach prenatal classes at the Pregnancy Care Centre in North York.

Daniel

This year has been largely uneventful for me... oh wait, no... actually the opposite of that! School has been busy, I've been writing several screenplays for short films, and producing several short films as part of the course.

But the biggest thing that's changed from last year... over the summer, Jessica Douwes and I got engaged! We had a great day at the beach - complete with unplanned fireworks - culminating in probably the least prepared proposal of our generation. Preparations are fully underway to prepare for the wedding day in June 2015!

In news that isn't related to getting engaged: I'm engaged in the production of the sequel to the 2005 Day Camp masterpiece Shtar Warz! (See what I did there?) I'm sure everyone remembers the adventures of Tim Starkrunner and Jedi Master Boris, but this time we're chronicling the escapades of two young apprentices. Look for it Summer 2015!





Tim



Merry Christmas to all my friends and family! What a year it's been! I think the most exciting thing to happen to me this

year has been my engagement to the love of my life, Rachel Quinlan, soon to be Rachel Lahn 2.0.

We've been busy all summer planning out the details of our wedding and everything that comes along with it. It has really been an exciting journey so far! The wedding is scheduled for this coming August 2015. In addition to starting my third year at Chiropractic College, I completed my advanced standing Registered Massage Therapy course over the summer, so I'm pleased to announce that I'm a fully licensed RMT now! I'm going to try to start taking on a few massage clients a week while I'm still in school, so it will be interesting trying to balance out all these aspects of my life. I still enjoy playing in the band at church from time to time. I don't have as much free time to play as I'd like, but I make time when I can.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Bethany

It is *unreal* how fast 2014 went by. There have been so many changes- good and bad. As many of you may already know I graduated high school from North Toronto Christian School with honours. Being at that school since grade five, part of me was sad to leave, but I was very excited for the next step in my life.

My whole family also made a big move up east of Newmarket. Moving from Scarborough where you can walk 10 minutes to get to the closest mall, it was definitely a shock to live in the middle of nowhere. The house is beautiful and the environment is lovely. I spent a lot of time walking and running in the forest behind our house.

This summer I also started working at McDonalds. It was my first real job, and honestly I love it. I work with some great people and I'm learning many skills. I also went on my first missions trip to the Dominican with the youth at the church and am looking forward to returning again.

One of the biggest switches for me this year has been going to university. I started my first year of my Social Work degree at York University. The work load has been a dramatic adjustment, but I am slowly getting used to it. I am very excited for these next four years of this degree.

I hope you are all doing well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! xoxo.



Jordan & Rachel

Jordan & Rachel have just moved to Brantford at the beginning of December.

Jordan has finally been able to crack the Supply List for the Grand Erie Board. Rachel has some leads on positions related to her field of Geriatric Care and Jordan is doing some tutoring work with Sylvan Learning Centre in Cambridge. We wish them well in this exciting new chapter of their lives.



A recent radio commercial featured children clamouring for all kinds of "stuff", and their mother responding with "Kids! ... High fives for having that holiday spirit!!" What a sad commentary on our culture that has so eclipsed the true meaning of Christmas with a fog of materialism.

The beloved Christmas theologian and author C.S.Lewis wrote...

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

.... What a simple, yet so profound truth!

May this truth fill your heart, and all of our hearts, this Christmas and always.

Much Love, The Lahns

