



2010 Christmas Greetings From the Lahns

It's so hard to believe that another year has come and gone. God has been so wonderful to us this year, but it's been stressful as well, with many challenges and changes in our family. We've seen changes in the relationships our boys have with their girlfriends, and challenges in our extended family with illnesses. Not all of these are 'bad' changes mind you, but change nevertheless.



Our highlights for us as a family this year include spending February glued to the TV watching the Olympics; Nancy and Murray going to Niagara Falls for their 27th Anniversary in June; spending the summer at the cottage in Haliburton, and at Kingdom Bound (the four-day Christian Music festival at Darien Lake Theme Park outside Buffalo); and a week long road-trip to Thunder Bay.

This year however, it certainly has seemed much harder to do things as a family with all the kids growing up and developing their own busy schedules.

At the church, our family continues to lead and participate on the worship teams, to lead the Alpha Course and Nancy leads an associated Bible study. Murray coordinates the Audio/Visual ministry and looks after all the computer-related stuff. This year Murray learned to finally say "no" and has taken a sabbatical from being an Elder.

Work-wise, Murray has had a busy year with many clients in Windsor, Mississauga, Fort Erie and Leaside. Nancy has spent many hours at the Pregnancy Care Centre teaching the new, or expecting Moms, about child care, pregnancy and labour, and continues to spend much time with her pillow business and doing pastoral visitation, which she loves.

In family news, Murray's brother, Randy, has been continuing his battle with a detached retina, and Nancy's Dad had a scare with his health that required blood transfusions and chemotherapy and then a battle with some e-coli! Many hours of prayer and concern have gone into both their situations, but God continues to be good. Not to be outdone, in November, Murray took two weeks off work in order to have some elective surgery on his nasal passages, which was very successful and continues to heal as it should.

JORDAN

Wow! 2010 has certainly been a busy and exciting year for me. Back in the Spring my plans changed suddenly when I found out I'd been declined admission to the Teacher's College at the University of Toronto, and the only other option I'd applied to was Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, where my girlfriend Rachel was taking her BA in Gerontology and Psychology. This was certainly an unexpected development, but after a lot of praying and thinking about it I decided that this was a door that God had opened for a reason, so I found an apartment near the University (and near Rachel's apartment) and made the arrangements to move up there in the Fall.



Spring turned into Summer, and Summer was turning towards Autumn when I decided it was time for another big change. I drove Rachel out to her hometown of Selkirk, Ontario, where we drove past her childhood home, stopped by a little river, and then I asked her to marry me. I was very relieved when she said yes, and we drove home as fast as we could to tell our families. We only had a few short weeks to plan everything we could before Mom and Dad drove us up to Thunder Bay, but things came together for us and we've got everything booked for a July 9th, 2011 wedding. Sounds like this is going to be another busy year ahead!





BETHANY

This year I have been incredibly busy but it's worth it. I've started to take recreational Jazz dance class. It is really fun and I've met some really nice people. I've also continued taking my singing lessons and have had a lot of chances to sing in church and with my brother. I have also been attending a photography class that our Youth Pastor runs. It's really fun and I've had to opportunity to be in a couple of photo shoots!

This year I've made a couple of the Sr. teams for spots (even though I'm only in Grade 9). It is a lot more work and more commitment so almost every day I either have swim, basketball, volleyball, soccer or another sport practice. As you can tell, I love playing sports. I've also been more interested in music and I've started to learn the guitar, which is really fun!

Wednesday Youth group has been amazing as always. Our new Youth Pastor, Nigel is doing a great job! I am also attending a group called Doxa every 1st Friday of the month. Every Friday I have photography club and then I go to one of my best friend's youth group for the evening.



Sunday morning church also.

God was with me all this year and I know He will always be with me.

Merry Christmas!

Anyone who makes a habit of buying Christmas gifts for young kids knows this scenario: you spend lots of time, effort and money shopping for, buying, boxing up and wrapping a special gift for your favourite tot. Come Christmas Day, the child opens the gift and spends the rest of the day playing with - THE BOX! But think - if we're honest, can we not see ourselves in that child? In our fascination with the trappings of Christmas - the shopping and exchanging of gifts, the entertaining and general busyness - we must not be distracted from focusing upon the priceless Gift that the Heavenly Father has given to us, His one and only son, Jesus. Oh come, let us adore HIM - Christ the Lord!

With love and prayers for God's joy and peace this Christmas and in the New Year, The Lahns.

DANIEL

My life is rapidly shifting from being centered on music to being Comic focused as "Johnny and Landie" is becoming a bigger part of my life. In February, JohnnyAndLandie.com was born. For the better part of a year the website consisted only of a page that said "Coming soon", but after a while we had had enough of a blank site, and the true Johnny and Landie website was born. If you visit it right after you read this (which I recommend) you'll find a fully functioning site complete with archives of all the comics we've written/drawn.



Other than Johnny and Landie I've been moderately busy writing raps for school and for personal enjoyment, including a piece with my friend, Johnny, featuring Tim that is all about our love of Tea and Coffee. I also continue to play bass at church and drums on Sunday mornings.

During my final year in high school I'm preparing myself to go to Ryerson (hopefully) for Television writing. This semester I'm taking English and Literature, while next semester I'll be taking Writer's Craft and Grade 12 Television Production.

TIM

The last twelve months have been pretty interesting to say the least. Other than school, one thing that's been occupying a fair bit of my time is my new musical project I've been working on, under the name "Every Spare Second". I've been spending a lot of time in the studio (and by studio I of course mean my bedroom) writing and recording tunes.



Feel free to check them out at EverySpareSecond.com, or by checking out my Facebook page (yea for shameless plugs!)

Now, I've always been one to want whatever my big brother has, so I decided that since HE has a Rachel, and since I enjoy making things confusing, I needed a Rachel too! MY Rachel and I met working together at Mitchells, and have been friends ever since. So far things are going great! Rachel and I will have been dating for three months by the time you end up reading this.

Working through my Human Biology degree has been just as stressful as ever. Sometimes it feels like I spend more time in the genetics lab than I do sleeping. With any luck I'll graduate eventually and have to figure out what I want to do with my life. Don't hold your breath though.



Misty, Mocha & Jazz

