

# THE GROVE'S

## Family News Update



### Greetings from our family!

We are grandparents again! Andrew and Bethany welcomed Linnea into their family this year. She is a happy baby and we are enjoying her. Since Austin and Janae live very close, we get to see Camden and Elias often too.





In early July Melanie and I visited Alan and Katie in Binghamton, NY. Mostly we stayed around their home. However, we did experience glider rides from a sailplane airport (very exciting). And, we took a weekend trip up to Ottawa, Canada. My niece Melissa and husband Jeremy live there, and they showed us the cool places downtown.



In late July, our German daughter Jessi came for a few weeks. We watched a sunset from the beach with her, hiked, went to the park, picked blueberries and hung out together - simple and satisfying.

I kayaked the Puget Sound - circumnavigating Orcas Island (Feb) and San Juan Island (Oct). These were each three-day camping trips with a group of interesting guys. This area is so beautiful and amazing.

We have some very good cooks in the family, and a tradition has started where they come together to make a gourmet meal for Melanie on her birthday. We have enjoyable conversation, and everybody gets to savor the multiple amazing courses at a leisurely pace.







In a major accomplishment for me, I performed a solo cello recital that included Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata. I first started learning it 7 years ago, and have performed it in sections over time. However, this event put it all together.

Tree colors were especially gorgeous this fall.



*Larry & Melanie*

This year we are very thankful for family and love. May God bless you similarly in the new year.

