

GRATITUDE for 2020

Decided to include a few more details this year, so we could share the **gratitude** we feel. Our year started out with great excitement as Heidi (our caboose) left on her mission. She spent six weeks in Mexico learning the Spanish language and then she went on to Argentina. There were definite challenging times ahead, we were **thankful** for her resilience and safety.

In the Fall of 2019 we unexpectedly lost Joe's brother-in-law, Eldon Clawson. This past February we unexpectedly lost Shaleen's phenomenal younger brother, Darrin Buttle. We are exceptionally **grateful** and inspired by their wives and the impressive ways they carry on.

After Darrin's funeral Joe and Shaleen were in Arizona visiting Daniel and Becky's family and excited for the upcoming doTerra Leadership conference when the entire event was cancelled due to the onset of Covid-19. Days later Jeri and Adam had their fourth little boy and Stephen joined their family! It was difficult not to visit, keeping distance at the beginning of the pandemic. We are so **thankful** for technology and the ability to stay in touch and even zoom into a baby blessing (Stephen Boswell) and baptism (Isaac Boswell) this year.

There was an unprecedented homecoming of LDS missionaries from foreign missions, bringing them home to their families for safety. Heidi arrived home for what we called her "Mission Intermission" for a couple of months. She was called out again to serve in the Salt Lake City West mission a few months later. She's been extremely **grateful** for the opportunities to use and improve her Spanish and for the numerous milagros (miracles) she is experiencing in the service of the Lord.

Rose and Nate came for a visit at the beginning of the summer, as Nate had accepted an internship at the Austin airport. Rose traveled back and forth a bit, but mostly we got to house Nate for the summer. We are so **grateful** for the time we had to get to know Nate much better. We told him it was a good thing there was a pandemic so he wouldn't find out how dull and boring we really are...;)

Joe and Shaleen drove for a quick trip to Georgia to meet our new grandson, Stephen Boswell and make a lot of beautiful memories with Jeri's precious family. Shaleen headed to Utah for a sister's reunion – so **thankful** for our good health as we all enjoyed time with our mom as we learned to machine quilt and made 24 quilts!

The virtual doTerra Convention took place as we transformed our home to have multiple tvs where friends could spread out and wear masks as they felt comfortable. Joe spent hours and days finishing the back patio while Shaleen was gone to Utah, so we even had a beautiful spot the team to congregate outside (without masks). What a **blessing!**

Our planned trip to Cancun, Mexico with a group of doTerra friends in May was rescheduled to October. We decided to go for it despite the pandemic. A few days before we were to leave, Joe had a bout with kidney stones. It was a rough few days, including a surgery to remove the stone and we left the next day for Cancun – whew! Joe was a trooper and we quietly enjoyed our first experience at an all-inclusive resort. THEN....came tropical storm Gamma....our resort was soaked and we survived...;) Most of our friends then headed home. However, we had pre-planned to stay for a few more days at a nearby Marriott. THEN....came hurricane Delta. As this Category 4 hurricane hit directly over Cancun, the Marriott crew took extremely good care of us, re-housing us in a nearby, under renovation, hurricane-proof hotel. Our return flight was postponed and our stay lengthened. We loved our adventure and are extremely **grateful** for the experience and time we had in Cancun.

Joe has spent much time using technology and connecting with his mother and siblings (twice a week). Shaleen's doTerra meetings and visits have moved online ~ sharing essential oils is a joy. Many of our grandchildren are schooling through laptops and computers. We are able to enjoy weekly video visits with Heidi and her siblings. We are so **grateful** for technology. What a **blessing** to have the ability to stay connected.

Another tremendous **blessing** to share. We have four precious grandsons due in December, January, February and March. Our granddaughters are definitely outnumbered ...;) We are **thankful** for each and every member of our growing family.

Have you noticed a theme this year? Yes, there have been a lot of ups and down, but we are **grateful** and so very **thankful** for the many blessings we have been given. At the top of the list is the life and example of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate His birth, we wish you the best and pray we may all feel the peace and calm He so graciously offers.

Daniel and Becky Wilding / Mesa, AZ with Seth, Nancy, Jimmy, Esther & Scott

Extremely busy household ~ you'll find them working, schooling, running, building with legos, citrus trees everywhere, hiking and Becky is awesome at creative menus and activities!



Jeri & Adam Boswell / Atlanta, GA with Eric, Isaac, John & Stephen

Precious new baby, 3 boys schooling from home, Adam working his new engineering biz from home and Jeri teaching her boys and a few others piano!

Dallin & Sandy Earl / Utah (for now) with Sam, David, Stephen & ???

Dallin graduated Harvard Law, started his New York lawfirm job online and Sandy started Masters degree & research work online at Columbia University ~ Wow!
Expecting #4 in March



Paul & Kristen Wilding / White Rock, NM with Josh, Caleb & McKay

Paul & Kristen work from home while caring for their busy boys and they're thankful Kristen's family lives nearby as #3, McKay, just arrived on December 4 – woohoo!



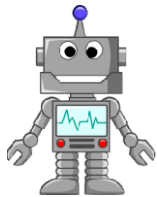
Ammon & Camille Wilding / Provo, UT with Colter, Cora & ???

Ammon is manager at the Spanish Fork Enterprise Rent-a-Car and check out Camille's Facebook Group – Nutrition for Moms. Expecting #3 in January



Kaely & Spencer Hogge / Round Rock, TX with Emmy & ???

Spencer is loving his robotics job at Sisu and Kaely has been doing some photography. She's so creative!!! They visit Grandma Wilding (Shaleen) on Tuesdays-- love it!!!
Expecting #2 in February



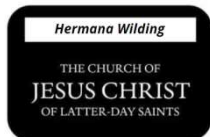
Rose & Nate Blamires / Provo, Utah

After doing his internship in Texas this summer, Nate is at BYU working and going to school. Rose is a kind caregiver for Sandy's boys and working ¾ time at the Rollins Center on BYU Campus



Heidi Wilding / Utah

We LOVE talking with our Heidi once and sometimes twice a week. She recently said, "Mom, I am realizing I have a lot to learn.....I think I'll have a lot to learn every day of my life." With that humility she will go far!



Joe – Helped start a scout troop and has helped MANY boys to Eagle Scout this year.

He is the master builder and fixer. Even neighbors and friends ask for his help and he is always willing to give of his time and expertise. He has loved connecting with his mom and siblings more this year.

Shaleen – Grateful for technology enables her to keep going with doTerra, changing people's lives for the better in natural ways.....so thankful for the many ways to uplift and share. Joe and Shaleen are almost done with our book for newlyweds, "On the Same Page" (with Rose's & Kaely's help!!!)

Life is always challenging....life is good!



Check out www.NatureEmpowers.com for Wilding musical recordings, 2020 picture slideshow and even some of Shaleen's songs written this year "Living in the Light" and "He is the Way"

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!