



## ***THE FORWARD EDGE OF FREEDOM***

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### **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WIESE**

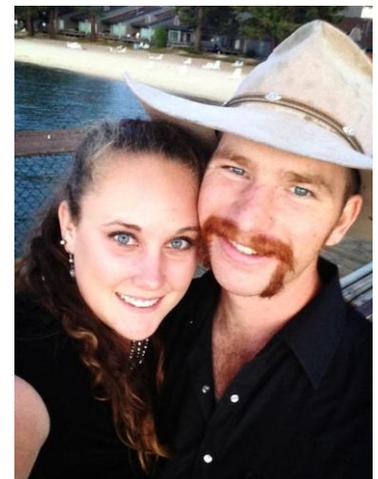
**FAMILY!** I imagine this year has been just as full for you as it has been for us. We would like to say thank you to each one who has prayed faithfully for our family throughout the year. There are days we know it is the grace of God and the prayers of our friends and family that get us through. We are blessed with a great church family here in Fallon, close friends with the XO and his family who are born again Christians, and busy with our single Sailors and the Chapel.

**Richard:** Let me begin by saying Merry Christmas. To be completely open, Fallon, NV, was the last place I wanted to be. After serving at Camp Lejeune, in chapel ministry for three years, I really did not want to do another three years with a similar assignment. God has weekly given me new messages from the Scriptures that I have never preached before. Not only have I been blessed to preach every Sunday at the chapel, but I have also been given the privilege to preach multiple times at our church here in Fallon. He has also strengthened and expanded my personal devotion and prayer life. Being the only chaplain on station is a double-edged sword. Cool! I'M the only chaplain. Hey, wait a minute! I'm the ONLY chaplain! I've included a picture of the new pulpit God allowed us to purchase for the chapel; it came just in time for our Christmas service.



**Christina:** Except for the miles that separate me from so much family, Fallon has been a place of retreat and refreshment. God has been so good to bring a couple of families into our lives that we can fellowship with, who share our burden for the military as well as our love for the Lord. These past two three months have probably been the most hectic. We started the autumn with a vacation trip and then hit the ground running as we spent Thanksgiving feeding the Single Sailors, then followed it the very next week with our church Christmas Banquet--where we once again put out a Christmas

meal including ham, turkey, all the fixings, appetizers, and desserts. The following week found us hosting Christmas at the Chapel with a Christmas puppet show, gifts, and food for everyone in attendance. Whew! What a holiday season it has been, and it's not even New Year's yet. We could not have pulled off the last two events without two of our close friends from church, who willingly allowed us to drag them into our crazy lifestyle. We love you Larry and Patricia! Our plans for the remainder of the year are to chill out with just the five of us and regroup before the new year starts again. January begins the onslaught of CAGs (carrier air group) that will be coming through NAS for training.





**Hannah:** This year I turned 18, and I am almost done with my Senior year. I'm hoping to have my graduation party with all my family. Please pray for me as I need to soon take my ACT test as well as my driver's license test. I have been able to help my mom teach the children at the chapel; and I work with the children at our church every Wednesday. We have our King's Kid Club on Wednesdays. I enjoy working with babies and children. I am praying about pursuing this for college as well as working with animals. But I am waiting to see how the Lord leads. I was also involved in the puppet show; I played the old lady puppet. She didn't have many lines, but my arm sure got tired holding her up for so long.

**Benjamin:** Ju-jitsu has been a blast. I love learning the moves and especially how to throw people. I showed my mom one of the moves, and she said she is going to try it out on my dad. I want to see that. For the Christmas at the Chapel puppet show, I was able to run all the audio and visual affects; I'm so glad it went off without a hitch. I am looking forward to the New Year since I will be able to drive; I'm hoping to get my driving permit for Nevada very soon. I'm hoping Christmas is great with just our family.



**Micah:** This year seems like it went by really fast, with only a few times of slowing down—like for the holidays. We have had a lot of fun times this year. We have now spent a whole year in Nevada; and it has been a great time. Recently, we have started art classes. Our teacher is phenomenal. What's nice is I'm hoping to see our Texas cousins shortly after the New Year. I hope you all have had a great year as well. Merry Christmas!

**Bullet:** I like treats! TREATS! TOYS! TREATS!

I am one spoiled pup. I love my family, and they love me. I even got a bacon cupcake for my 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. I love head rubs and walks in the desert.

Your Friend in the Fight for Truth,  
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**Ps. 149:6** "LET THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD BE IN THEIR MOUTH, AND A TWO-EDGED SWORD IN THEIR HAND."

