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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."

Philippians 4:4 ESV

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Shiloh Can Help Children Dream Big Because of Generous Giving

Hannah hopes to become a teen entrepreneur

As we came home from school the other day, one of the kids hollered, "LOOK! Our first pile of leaves!"

Well, actually, there were maybe only about 20 or 30 brown leaves blowing into a small mound..... not enough to run and make a diving leap into, but still the "official" arrival of fall had made its impression!

After the 4H ended in August, the boys decided they wanted to take a break this year but the girls were ready to dive right back in. Since they didn't get to have regular projects due to COVID limitations, they want to con-

Rebekah did a great job last year as club recorder and will this year again, I am sure. Hannah learned a lot in her first year as treasurer, including the fact that did you know it involved MATH????!!!!!! Hope-

fully, with her first year under her belt, this year will go a lot smoother (for this Momma even more than the treasurer "student"!)

The boys earned their hunter's safety certification and are SO pumped to go out this fall. Pretty much every conversation talks about all the wild "food" they are going to

contribute to the family table.

This half of the calendar is like a birthday bonanza at the Ps! Not sure who enjoys it more...our kids or our beloved Cohn neighbors who anxiously await their invitation to join us. (Love every chance we can have an "excuse" to get together and fellowship!) Hard to believe in September Martin turned 15!!!! WHAT?!?! He has definitely grown from that shy little boy who hid behind his sister when he arrived at our home. Then just a couple of weeks later, yet another 15 year old arrived in our home!!! She continues to expand her creative talents and lately has been knitting everything from scarves



Ken & Beth Penfield

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tinue working on their rabbits, sewing, and photography. Both girls were re-elected into their offices.



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their birthdays and this year our teenager-wanna-be actually becomes one! Hannah will turn 13 at the first week then the other 15 year old makes his debut! Hannah is anxiously working on creating crocheted/knit

to blankets! (She and Hannah sit in the living room at nights, busily clicking those knitting needles effortlessly while carrying on conversations or watching a movie. Cracks me up!)

December will hold the rest of

products and hopes to become a young teen entrepreneur someday. Skye has a creative mind in everything from Legos to drawing to ideas for improving things. It will be interesting where that mind takes him in the future!

Before we know it, the leaves will all be gone and we will start to see snowflakes descending. Love the lessons that the change of seasons bring and the teachable moments that come with it. Just like the change of seasons, we see changes each time I write these in the children in our home. Thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers that help them through each season of life they face! ■

In His service,
Ken & Beth Penfield and kiddos

FROM SHILOH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Generous Gift Helped Shiloh Christian School Bless Children with Chromebooks

This year's school theme is "Trust in the Lord"

As many schools apprehensively wrestled with providing school at home online or starting classes monitored closely at the school building, after thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing and covered in prayer, we began our school the last week of August and things have gone well so far. We continue to check temperatures upon entrance, Clorox wipe constantly, keep our school limited to our students and teachers, etc. ...doing what we can to keep our staff and students safe and healthy.

We began the school year with two equally divided classrooms. This year we were excited to have all the Cohn girls join us and they have fit in just great! "Mr. P" has been a great help downstairs in the elementary classroom with Mrs. Tuttle during the mornings. It always helps to have our kids have a male role model around. Mrs. Tuttle keeps the classroom lively with her science lessons on nature. The first quarter our students got to experience caterpillars changing into monarch butterflies and see what those obnoxious tomato worms can turn into as well. Love all the teachable moments that have come up this year!

Our older students have taken on the challenge of learning a foreign language this year. Thanks to the gift of new Chromebooks they have been able to utilize

them in learning Spanish through the Rosetta Stone program. I love listening to them sound out the words and trying to engage them in simple conversations. Let's just say they're not exactly ready yet to board a bus for Mexico!

We could not do what we do without the continued help from Mr. & Mrs. Cohn! They willingly lend a hand whenever needed, cover PE class, help with hot lunches, and allow Ken and I to relax during our time offs. Such a blessing to know our students are in such qualified hands with our teachers and Cohns when we are gone!

Our theme this year has been "Trust in the Lord" and we've had many opportunities to expand on what Scripture teaches and prepares us for each day. Being able to continue their education in a safe environment while pouring into their academic and spiritual warehouse is SUCH a blessing! We cannot tell you how much that means to us not just as educators but as homeparents even more so. Thank you for the support you bless us with to help us do just that!

In His service,
Ken & Beth Penfield
Shiloh Christian School Administrators

Givers Help Shiloh Continue Even in Uncertain Times

Thanks to generosity from supporters, Shiloh is going strong.

As I sit here catching up on paperwork, emails, and reports, the kids are out with Kirk collecting wood.

The junior high and high school have gone to a modified schedule due to COVID-19 concerns.

I am to a point of just trying to make the best of whatever this pandemic throws our way. However, my kids are frustrated (and I feel for them), because they only get to go to school two days a week.

To make it worse they don't get to see all their friends even on those two days. Except Josiah, Josiah

is in heaven only going to school two days a week, and getting to be out in the woods on 70 degree fall days. This pandemic has really drawn out the difference between my introverts and my extroverts and those who sit in the middle.

Abigail does get to see many of her friends at play practice. Her cheer season came to an abrupt end with



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her last two games being cancelled, but she had fun and got louder through out the season. Titus finishes football this week, and will have a week to rest before basketball starts. He did well and improved. Matthew has done well with school and is anxious for archery season to begin. He qualified last year for a state shoot, but it got cancelled in March. Ashely is in band this year and loves to play her flute. She and Josiah often practice songs together. Every once and a while Titus and Abigail chime in too. I love seeing the kids falling in love with music and the arts. Josiah has also been working on the lathe. So far, he has made mini baseball bats, three snowmen, and a Christmas tree.

The younger boys are enjoying school. They're at

Tri-County, and not much has changed there. Robert is loving Miss Huffman's class, as she has a lot of energy. He is doing Beginner Bible Bowl at church, and this seems to be a real motivator for him to be respectful, responsible, and fun to be around at school. Plus, he has great Biblical knowledge and a knack for memorization. Ezra is also doing Bible Bowl. He is maybe going to start piano lessons soon. Luke is taking gymnastics and is a powerhouse. He is in kindergarten and loving it.

Kirk has been working on many projects at church, the Blew's cabin, and cutting wood for winter. Without our college and junior high work groups last winter and spring, the sheds are a little low, but where one



Denna & Kirk Moore

We are so grateful for you, and so appreciative of all you do to keep us going, through your prayers and financial support.

door closes another is opened. We have been blessed with days at home, strong teenagers, and amazing fall weather to get it where we need it.

I (Denna) find myself home alone, again, for the first time in a very long time. It's a season where the days are quiet and the evenings are very full and crazy, and I'm learning to love it.

We have been blessed through COVID-19. In so many ways. #1. We have not had to worry about if there was money for food, clothing, crafts, workbooks,

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Givers Help Shiloh Create Homes that Breathe New Life into Children

Boys and girls are thriving at Shiloh.

Fall is in the air and is a more welcome sight and feeling than ever.

We hope you all are able to enjoy some of your families' favorite traditions with pumpkin patches, hay rides, gatherings and feasts. We all have so much to be grateful for this year. God's protection, grace and loving hand at work are all unseen blessings that unite us.

We also know that for most of us, this year has seen its share of both blessings and challenges. We don't know everyone's exact situation but I wanted to share a lovely reminder I recently read, fall reminds us of the beauty in letting go. I would add, that it also reminds us of the beauty in letting God take over. With this crazy year, we have needed God's presence to take over in many ways. From unplanned schedule changes,



Thanks to givers, Shiloh homeparents can minister to children.

es, school closings, which then turned into abrupt home-schooling, creative family trips to avoid cabin fever to children leaving our home and once more changing our family dynamic. However, I am sure of one thing, God

will continue to show Himself ever faithful and consistent in all the inconsistencies.

One of our largest praises right now is that all 6 kids in our home are really, really thriving. For some of our kids, this is the first time for them to feel safe enough to play, imagine, and dream. We are passionate about a kid having the ability to dream big dreams and we're seeing dreams form, and it's a truly remark-

able thing to see! It's hard for me to fathom growing up without an imagination but sometimes that is what these kids have been robbed of, but are now able to regain. I believe as a ministry we are some of the most



Jeremy & Ashley Cohn

blessed people during this pandemic. We have ample support, supplies and at our site all our children are able to stay in the safest school environment with our on-site school. Yes, the Lord is good!

We would like to ask all of you to be in prayer over our ministry as we continue to need relief house parents at both sites. The relief position is pivotal to our ministry as they are able to provide the regular support we need on site. They

provide a passion to serve the Lord, our children, and our team. Please also pray as we continue to adapt to this unique COVID situation. As always, we need wisdom as the Lord guides us on the path ahead.

Holidays may look a little different this year for us all, but as we gather around our table and reflect on the abundance of gifts the Lord has placed around us, we

Your willingness to give allows our children a safe place to dream and heal, making an eternal difference.

count all of you. Our donors and prayer warriors are beyond special to us. You are part of the reason we are able to be a family. Your willingness to give helps us give our children a safe place to dream and heal, making an eternal difference. For this gift of rebuilding in their lives, we are forever grateful. May you and your family have a blessed holiday season and New Year. ■

In Him,

Jeremy, Ashley & Cohn Kids

Givers Help Shiloh Discover a New Normal

Shiloh is grateful for the support givers share with our ministry



**Caleb & Danielle
Van Dyke**

thing were normal. In the year of 2020 normal just isn't normal. We began school with everyone attending school and no restrictions. We made it to October without much issue. When the cases in our area began to rise, the school had to adjust and so did we. For now, our new normal seems to be tolerable and we know we have it so much better than other places in the country and in the world.

Last time I wrote to you, we were on our first leg of our summer vacation. We had the absolute best time in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park.

Because donors give to Shiloh, our kids were able to take a vacation they will never forget. For that, we would all like to shout a huge THANK YOU!!

We are completely hooked on National Parks now and we want to get the kids to as many as we possibly can. They had a great time, and they didn't want to come home. Their favorite part was the "animal jams" as they call them. We had bison, elk, mule deer, and bears that we were able to observe. Because donors give to Shiloh, our kids were able to take a vacation they will never forget. For that, we would all like to shout a huge THANK YOU!!

We hope this letter finds you all healthy and thriving. We have put all of our supporters on our prayer list and we continue to pray for you.

Summer has ended yet again and a new school year has begun. Normally, this would feel as though every-

We are down to six kids right now since we had two boys leave. One was a court ordered change and we pray he adjusts well and that this will be his final placement. We had another boy who had to move on to a place called Teen Challenge. We are grateful that there are programs that can pick up where Shiloh has to leave off. We are equipped to do many things, but some kids prove to need something different than we can offer. We have stayed in contact with this boy. He's doing very well, and that makes our hearts so happy to know he is getting the help he needs.

Other than that vacation, which we could tell you about in great detail, we don't have a lot to write about. Between quarantine and just trying to get back into school things have been pretty dull. I am not complaining, as we could be dealing with a lot more right now. So, for us at this point, no news is good news.

As we head into the holidays we are praying we stay healthy and kids can have visits with family and that things continue to push toward normal.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. ■

*Grace and Blessings,
Caleb and Danielle VanDyke*



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Because Givers Help Shiloh, Boys and Girls are Growing in Wisdom

Children are developing skills they can take with them after they leave Shiloh

Dear Friends,
By the time you read these words, the year 2020 will be mostly behind us.

It has been a rough year for our community and our nation with much tension embroiling so much of our society. While there seems to be an overage of bitterness and ugliness in any election year, this one has revealed some of the worst in both parties. To paraphrase a friend's recent observation, we need to show less allegiance to the Donkeys and Elephants and more loyalty to The Lamb. No President or politician will solve our problems. It will take a king, the King of Kings.

Of course, the Corona Virus is still altering the fabric of our society, even out north of Clarence. School schedules have been impacted again with terms like "hybrid schedule" and "E-learning" entering our vocabulary. This past week two of our Blew Crew have been quarantined for 14 days each due to possible exposure to a fellow student who tested positive for



**Thank you for helping Shiloh
bless children.**

By doing so we are looking at getting her involved in some ministry outreach through Youth With A Mission (YWAM). Ideally, she'd love to do a several month overseas mission trip, but that may be hampered by travel restrictions. (Thanks again, COVID!) Regardless, she will get some great initial training and be able to head into college with some excellent insights into her own walk with Christ, plus tips on reaching others.

Hannah, also a senior, celebrated turning 18 in September. She works at a local Veterinary office putting in many hours. Fortunately, she has not needed to be COVID tested there. She will graduate in May and then plans to go to college. She's really great with animals but might pursue something in the medical field. She is a diversified soul as her current vocational classes are in Graphic Arts and she helps with stage work for the school play.

Mason has been home to visit a few times since heading off to Welding classes at Highland Community College's Atchison, KS campus. He even made a special trip to catch younger brother Jayk playing football. Jayk is a junior this year and stays busy with Construction Trades at VoTech, when COVID scheduling allows attendance. When he can't attend there the education does not miss a beat. Kirk Moore grew up building



Kevin & Denise Blew

the virus. Extra-curricular activities and workplace procedures are likewise impacted. Erin works at a local care center so she has been swabbed at least nine times since summer. One week, I think she was tested three times!

Speaking of Erin, she is turning 19 this November and we are working with her to graduate in December.

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Because of Givers, Shiloh Can Shelter Boys and Girls During the Storms of Life

Shiloh is blessed by the generosity of givers.

Greetings friends!
I pray that by the time this letter reaches you it is completely out of date and irrelevant. Hopefully you all will be thinking "Oh yeah, I'd almost forgotten COVID was a thing!" We have never been more grateful to live in the middle of nowhere. Getting through COVID has been tough on everyone, but we definitely don't experience the full effect of it here. It is mid-October and we are just seeing a rise in cases in our area. Our kids all handle it so well. They are just going with the flow.

Nate is still loving his new position with Camp David of the Ozarks. He gets to drive tractors, take care of horses, and minister to teens. He couldn't have found a better fit for his current stage of life.



Shiloh restores the hearts of children because of generous support.

ministry. He is also preaching every chance he gets.

MaKenna is a senior this year. She is less than thrilled about it. She says she feels like a Freshman and isn't ready to grow up just yet. Asher is a sophomore and is still spending every spare moment on music and memes.

Huri is a Junior this year. He has been playing football but was just quarantined due to contact with another student that tested positive. He might get to play one more game after quarantine, but it really cut his season short.

Bella just finished up her 7th grade softball sea-

son and is starting basketball season. She loves sports and is pretty good. I just wish I knew what was going on so I could cheer her on a little more. Sports aren't really my thing though.



Todd & Misty Kolars

Devin, 3rd grade is starting his basketball season as well. He is also starting practices for Bible Bowl. He loves going to his brother's college for Bible Bowl meets but I think his favorite part is having lunch on campus and getting soda and ice cream.

Larry Wayne, 1st grade is having an amazing year! We held him back this year and held our breath to see if it would backfire on us. I am so happy to say it was the absolute best decision we could have made. He is

We haven't stressed over food or jobs or electric bills because you are faithful.

so smart but he relates to the younger kids a bit more.

Julianna is SASSY as ever. It might be my fault for spoiling her, but I don't think anyone can prove that. I have had to have a couple of talks with her kindergarten teacher because Julianna feels free to explain to her that she (teacher) doesn't need to worry about her (Julianna) she, (teacher) needs to worry about herself. She sure is cute though!!

All in all, COVID hasn't impacted our lives too greatly here. That is in large part due to the prayers and support of all of you. We haven't stressed over food or jobs or electric bills because you are faithful. I can't even tell you how grateful we are that we can keep the lives of these kids consistent and calm in the midst of this storm. Many prayers for you! ■

The Kolars Family

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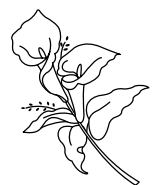
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MOORES' MUSINGS

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etc. #2. We are set in an amazing place. From creek walking in the spring, pond swimming in the summer, and wood hauling/UTV rides this fall, there is space to roam even in quarantine. #3. We are blessed to be in a community that loves and supports us and each other. #4. Our kids have done great. They have learned how to entertain themselves, be bored well, and sought out new hobbies. #5. Our community has stayed pretty open and has tried to find safe ways to do things when they need to.

We pray this finds you safe and healthy, and that you too can find the blessings in this weird and difficult time. We are so grateful for you, and so appreciative of all you do to keep us going, through your prayers and financial support. We hope we can see you soon on the ranch or at your place. ■

Blessings,
The Moores

Legacy Gift

Do you want to make a difference for the Kingdom of God even after you pass on from this life? One powerful way you can accomplish this would be through a planned gift to Shiloh. There are many ways to make a planned gift, so we recommend that you discuss it with your financial planner to see what solution is best for you. Please call us at phone number (573) 588-2191, if there is any way we can assist you.

BLEW CREW

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amazing homes in northern Indiana, so he keeps the wisdom flowing. Jayk didn't mind quarantine and social distancing quite so much while operating a skid-steer.

Lillian is a sophomore and is involved in so many activities at school. From choir to cheerleading to drama to FFA and FCA, she's always going. So, the recent 14-day sabbatical for Corona risk was extra hard for her. Then comes the call that she "may have been ex-

Erin would love to do a several month overseas mission trip...

posed" to another student that tested positive. That's extremely plausible given her gregarious nature. So quarantine got extended about a week. It's a cruel bit of reverse-engineering to shove a butterfly back into a cocoon.

I'm typing this from a hotel room in Atlanta, GA tonight as we are about to launch our daughter Anna and her family to the mission field in Kenya. Many of you have known her since she was a baby and have been part of her foundation and formative years at Shiloh. Some of you have been out to the Ranch as part of a work group or just visiting and others have had her speak at your church or at camp. She has been touched by your hearts of outreach and it sparked that desire in her at an early age. In a matter of less than 100 hours, she will board a plane with husband Daniel plus Jude, Lydia, and Gideon. Daniel's mission with Africa Inland Mission in Nairobi will be as an Aircraft Maintenance and Avionics specialist. He has been passionate about aviation and missions for most of his youth.

They are well-yoked in this marriage. They are also well-yoked in ministry, because individually and collectively, they bring a rich heritage of faith. You are part of that heritage and Denise and I are so grateful for this next generation heading into the fields ripe for harvest. Thank You is too small a phrase, but please accept it with eternal magnification. ■

Cherish Life,
Kevin, Denise and the Blew Crew

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On my grade school playground, there was a teeter totter. (You know, when they still had those on a playground.) I remember riding them and the rush you got when you went up so quickly just to be plunged to the ground just as fast. It was fun to have that heart-pounding feeling as you looked across the way to the person that you were experiencing the ride with.

Unfortunately, the fun I experienced as a child on a teeter totter is not the same now as an adult dealing with the ups and downs of life's challenges. Especially what we at Shiloh are experiencing in the times we are currently living in. It is a daunting task to navigate the continually changing landscape of our world, country, and society.

I share that reflection for you because our Shiloh Family has been doing just that. We are navigating through all "our ups and downs" with God's protection and love. Our Shiloh homeparents have been great examples by loving and caring for our children through these challenging times. Our admin staff continues to be the support our ministry needs to maintain our day-to-day activities. Our Christian counselors are safely visiting with our children and meeting their counseling needs on a regular basis. In my last article,

I shared with you how we were progressing through the COVID19 restrictions and I am pleased to say that we are still doing very well. It would be extremely easy to give in to fear and uncertainty, but our Shiloh Family puts our trust in God and His direction for us. In the Old Testament, David had to deal with his own sets of "ups and downs" as he navigated his situations. Da-

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vid put it best as he shared in Psalms 56:3-4, "When I am most afraid, I put my trust in you; in God whose word I praise, in God I put my trust, fearing nothing; what can men do to me?" Just like David, our "ups and downs" are His!

That is why I am so thankful for all of you! You have come to our aid with all the prayers, thoughtful encouragement, and financial support. Continue to pray for our ministry for health, safety, and the support we need. Prayers also for relief homeparent couples for our ranch sites. Thanks again for your love and support for our Shiloh Family. You help make a difference! ■

In Christ's Love,
Mark

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