

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM



THE SHARROWS



Sharrows @ Home

We've had a lot of fun this year getting to know our little girl, Elayna Joy. She's lived up to her name, that's for sure! We've been very blessed with an easy baby. She thrives on routine, is happy and pleasant most of the time, and has been pretty healthy. Mike says the "ROI" keeps getting better as she gets more mobile, responsive and expressive. ☺ Each stage is fun. Just a couple of weeks

before her 1st birthday she started taking her first steps, and now is quite the walker! She studies people and her environment, so we are very curious to hear her thoughts when she starts talking more.

We celebrated our 9th anniversary (hard to believe). Jacqui survived Mike turning 30, and completely surprised him with an amazing party with dozens of accomplices.

Sharrows @ Play

We found the neighborhood pool to be a life-saver with Elayna during the hot summer months, and now that it's cooling off are looking forward to hiking again. Her first beach trip this fall was a hit (she is Jacqui's daughter!), so that will become a new family play destination. The local zoo is a recent hot spot that is sure to be a staple of 2012 (Elayna just about wore out her



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FUN "FIRSTS"



RADIANT JOY

pointer finger she got so excited). We have implemented regular date nights this fall as we try to establish healthy rhythms for the entire family.

Mike led our small group (and some tag-alongs) on a mission trip to Honduras in May, working with some Grace Point missionaries at an orphanage for abused kids. It was a sweet time of serving, teaching and discovering all mixed together. We look forward to Elayna being old enough to go on some mission adventures!

Sharrows @ Work

Jacqui has really enjoyed (and excelled!) at being a stay at home mom this year. Jacqui has found being at home full time to be full of new challenges and rewards. She feels very blessed to be able to spend so much one on one time with our girl. In April Jacqui returned to working for the senior pastor at Grace Point (part-time) as his assistant, mostly working from home.

This year has been a long one of navigating transition for Mike. Wrapping up nearly four years on staff with Grace Point, he's exiting his associate pastor role this December. 2011 started off with a sense that God was preparing another chapter in this

faith adventure we've been on. Mike is becoming the Area Chairman for the C12 Group in San Antonio, working with Christian CEOs/Owners to lead their businesses in missional ways. It's a blend of discipleship, consulting, leadership and business - a unique recipe that Mike is excited to be a part of! He will also be serving as a part-time executive for a local Christian healthcare company, Health by Design where he'll get to lead out in the area of strategy/development.

It's been a year of discerning, preparing and many "firsts", so we're excited to step into 2012 and discover the plans God has for us! We're excited that with this round of changes we get to remain in San Antonio and at Grace Point.

Best Wishes

We hope that you have a truly wonderful holiday season -- that Christmas would be rich with mystery and cheer, the New Year enthusiastically anticipated and the joy of our Jesus pervading each day.

Love,

*Mike, Jacqui &
Elayna Joy*

MEMORIES



PLAY TIME W/MOMMY



MISSION TRIP



FALL FUN



SHE'S GOT OPINIONS!

*For unto us a child is born...His name
will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)*