

Merry
Christmas
from the
Sharrows



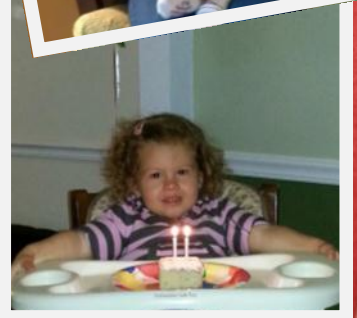
Sharrows @ Home

Elayna has certainly added spunk to the year. Turning two this fall, she's become quite the chatty, singing companion. She's also proven to be a travel trooper as we made trips up to Iowa, Alaska and over to Tucson visiting family throughout the year! Elayna loved getting to see family and new places. She did ask, when we returned from Alaska, "where are the mountains?" She's a good kid with a compassionate heart and exudes much joy. We're having fun. The House of Marital Bliss cleared it's 10th anniversary this year and Jacqui cleared Mike of his probationary standing! 😊

Sharrows @ Work

Jacqui started the year still working part time for the senior pastor at Grace Point in addition to her full-time mommyhood. Just before the holidays she wrapped up the part-time job and it proved providential because the very same day we found out her mommy duties were about to double—as we're expecting baby #2 next July! It's almost like God had a plan or something in how the timing worked out. Jacqui continues to enjoy being at home and growing as a parent of an active, imaginative toddler.

This was Mike's first full year with the new leadership roles as Area Chair for the C12 Group as well as Health by Design. He's had a blast, with God definitely using his gift sets in fun ways as well as stretching and growing him. The fruit of the C12 efforts to see local businesses ran in God-glorifying ways as vehicles of mission and leaders disciplined holistically has been exhilarating for Mike to be a part of. Health by Design has also kept Mike active in the area of healthcare strategy and trying to change the world through corporate health projects (read: lots of whiteboard diagrams!).



A joyful heart is good medicine...A glad heart makes a cheerful face!
- King Solomon

Sharrows @ Play

We've been involved in small groups through most of our marriage and are pretty passionate about "authentic community." We recently found a new way to contribute to the groups ministry at Grace Point by becoming trainers together. Essentially we train groups of leaders a few times a year by hosting and leading a simulation of a small group in our home. It's been a lot of fun to serve in this way together!

In addition to training/coaching group leaders, Mike is still involved with the Global Leadership Summit each year and is joining the elder board at Grace Point in January. He's also going to be helping facilitate the early stages of a "city movement" in San Antonio, working with churches, non-profits and businesses to collaborate on Gospel efforts together.

Of course the biggest thing on the horizon in 2013 is what Baby Sharrow will bring. We think Elayna will make a great big sister! We are also in the early stages of getting involved in the foster-to-adopt process—prayers appreciated. Should be an interesting year, another adventure year for the Sharrows! We are grateful for God's faithfulness and the invitation to mission He has extended to all of us.

We wish you a particularly merry Christmas and hope that the anticipation of a new year is full of much joy and intrigue!

*Mike, Jacqui
& Elayna*

