

THE LUEHRMANNNS

OH, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD!



BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.
-PSALM 34:8

Merry Christmas from Mikey, Emily, Anna, Elijah, Rosie & Liam!

Another full to the brim year is coming to an end in the Luehrmann home! Teeth were lost but new friends gained! We cherish conversations around the table at teatime, Friday family fun night, Sat waffles & homemade pizza, watching & playing Transformers, LEGO challenges and having friends over.

Daily life revolves around Christ & his church at City. We're studying Exodus and seeing the Lord's exciting pattern of generous redemption. Emily continues to help with the tots group and is involved in the ladies' bible study. In our growth group RBT (reading the bible together) we've read some epistles, Judges, & Mark. Our new 'REACH' calendar should better co-ordinate the church's corporate & individual outreach. We want evangelism to be our identity, not an event.. We long to see more people brought into the family of God and growing in their faith.

Em's parents came over in April. They treated us to annual passes at Eureka!, a children's museum where the kids love to pretend they are nurses, postmen, shop keepers and more. They came again in Nov for another exhausting 2 weeks keeping up with our little ones! They enjoyed seeing the changes in the children, especially Liam who is now an engaging little character! Anna loved sharing The Narnia Experience with Nana. Elijah loved playing Hay day with Grampa on the iPad! We celebrated Thanksgiving by making a grateful garland, playing the thankfulness game (going through the alphabet) & with Grampa's help expressing what they're thankful for with LEGO. Then we enjoyed a family meal complete with marshmallow topped sweet potatoes (which none of the children actually liked!) and of course pumpkin pie!

Through the generosity of Mikey's family we returned to the states for 2 weeks in May-June. Time with Gran, Bebo, Great-Grandma Bebo, Uncle Lance & the Texas sunshine were appreciated by all. The children enjoyed swimming and growing more confident in the water. We spent a morning with towering dinosaurs at the natural history museum and the afternoon playing at the children's museum. We visited Uncle Tony & Aunt Jo on their farm where the kids perched on tractors, saw their cows & complained of being too hot! Other highlights were riding the Boardwalk Bullet with Anna & Elijah, finding Elijah in the space centre (after losing him!) and afternoon tea at the American Girl store with Gran and their dolls. We celebrated Elijah's 6th bday with the Grotti family and an ice cream cake. Our British kids think America is a grand holiday destination!



DESCENDING ARTHUR'S SEAT



SUMMER HOLIDAYS



PERTSHIRE HOLIDAY

We came back to 5 furious final weeks of school. The children participated in sports day and Mummy won 2 medals in the mum races! As school was ending we welcomed a short-term missions team from Grace Community Church. They sacrificially served building a ramp outside City, painting inside and handing out hundreds of leaflets inviting people to our Summer in the City outreach. The children enjoyed taking part in the children's events at City and going to the drop-in cafe (for lots of homemade cakes!). In the middle of the summer holidays we enjoyed a family week in Edinburgh scrambling up hills and catching up with old friends.

We made a 2nd trip to Scotland at the end of Oct to enjoy the autumn splendour of Perthshire, returning to the village of Dunkeld. This time we invited a couple from our growth group. Nuala played countless games of UNO with Rosie and Ryan tirelessly competed with Anna & Elijah in Wii Olympics! We climbed hills, took the train to Perth, read some fiction and went to a couple of music gigs.

"Living my dream to be a pastor's wife and a mum is good yet challenging! In the midst of the chaos I'm slowing learning to pray, to love like Jesus and to make the most of moments with each child! On Mondays I snatch a few extra minutes by bringing one child home for lunch. Each delights in playing with Liam, sharing in the midst of his or her day and laughing together. Bedtimes are staggered so we can read and chat with each child. Friendships have blossomed this year and I am especially thankful for opportunities each week to proclaim how good & trustworthy Jesus is."

~Emily

"Union with Christ continues to grow in my mind as the focal point of salvation. With a renewed emphasis on this doctrine loads of books were written recently. I'd like to recommend the shortest and most accessible. One Forever by Rory Shiner is a fantastic and enjoyable introduction to this marvellous & central doctrine of the christian life. Another very influential book I read this year is Reading the Gospels Wisely by Jonathan Pennington. Though a more demanding read it's absolutely wonderful. What are you waiting for!!"

~MIKEY

For the long stretches between these highlights we have full days of school & homework, crafts & colouring, bible studies & training our children to love like Jesus who is kind, patient, and truthful; not rude, arrogant, irritable or insisting on His own way. May Christ's sacrificial life that entered the world in Bethlehem penetrate your hearts this Christmas.

~Love from the Luehrmanns

WILLIAM JUDSON



Liam (2) is now mummy's chatty helper at home! He loves books, Mickey Mouse and being with people. He also enjoys going to the shops, library, tots group, park, and especially spotting an "airplane!"

ROSEMARY LENA



Rosie (4) is a mix of melodrama & silliness! In September she started Reception (full days of school) where she plays in the kitchen, colours, learned all her sounds and is now starting to read. She also enjoys taking ballet lessons with her friends.

ELIJAH M'CHEYNE



Elijah (6) is now a confident reader and sweetly shows Liam books. He enjoys maths, eating, playing computer games, colouring and doing creative projects. He is persistent, giving us a good picture of how we should ask our heavenly Father over and over and over again!

ANNA BELLE



Anna (8) loves to tackle tough maths equations, make up ballet routines, & compose piano pieces. She loves trying & learning new things and then teaching others, whether friends, siblings or even her dolls! Anna's growing love for Jesus and desire to share this with her friends has led to starting a Bake Through the Bible club every other Tuesday.