



## Christmas 2016

It is that time of year again and life is never dull. Our election certainly didn't end the way that we would have wished, but we hope for the best in the next few years and will work hard to preserve justice and the rights and respect of all persons.

**Kendal** is growing very fast, now a very busy and articulate 2 years; we enjoy having her overnight when **Ann** and **Matt** share her for a day or 2. She has a wonderful childcare provider, Tirza, who lives close and is teaching her some Indonesian as well as keeping her inquisitive mind and busy body engaged and active. It is great to have **Ann** and **Matt's** family so close so we can easily help out. **Rick** continues to work for Seattle Storm basketball team and now also contracts with city of Seattle for Key Arena events part-time. He now does swim therapy 2x/week, volunteers in the office at Museum of Flight, does greeting at church and enjoys his Thursday night gatherings. He is very hopeful that a connection with another young man will work out for them to get housing together and share caregiving possibly with a 3<sup>rd</sup> person. He is excited for this new measure of independence.

It is great to visit with **Stef and Jim** more often, much thanks to Miss Kendal's arrival. Along with work, Stef is an avid hiker with hospital friends and they continue to enjoy riding their Harleys, Sturgis SD, and a shiny new trailer to make camping and biking more fun. **Dale** manages facilities and on-line record keeping for church and his dahlias won a place at the front table in a show this summer. The summer gardens are beautifully bright thanks to his green thumb. We had a great harvest of tomatoes as well with the hot, dry summer and fall colors were spectacular from August to November. **Nancy** continues as co-pastor at church, has transitioned to consultation at work, and has a somewhat challenging international teaching schedule which offers occasional opportunities for visits with our many YFU kids and their families, and we are excitedly planning to spend our weeks Hawaii in March with **Sanna** and her Family. But before that, we are using our airline miles to visit with **Ayumi** and her family in Osaka.

**Marlene and Alex** added to their family with **Nino** born in July. **Eve** & her husband, Dion, also added to our list of grandchildren. **Max** was born in June & they live in Bellevue. **Annelies** makes several trips for her company in Belgium to Kansas City which enables us to chat with her. They are doing fine. **Mustu** delivered a group of YES (Youth Exchange Study) <http://www.yesprograms.org> to Washington D.C then flew to Seattle & spent a week before going home. Unfortunately his wife, **Candy**, was not able to join him. He finally completed his studies at BRAC University. **Sarah** just completed all her assessment and now is a nutritionist. Family is very busy. **Tanya** is fine, busy with her dancing hobby, the Tango.

**Aline** is studying for her bachelor of arts in pre-primary & primary education. She expects to finish next spring. **Malin** is working in Berlin. **Ivan** is running the family business in Bratislava. **Music** is working in Dentistry over in Thailand. **Kirsten** and **Remco** are doing great in Hengelo. **Amrei** is teaching English in Beijing, China. **Mila & Sandro** are working in São Paulo, Brazil.

**Valentina (Vale)** is involved in her medical studies & work in Santiago, Chile. **Mette** is in the Pharmacy field & watching her three children sprout up. **Tia & Kirik** are busy working & raising their two sons. **Ulrike & Fabrice** are in Mulhouse, France with their son, Mathieu. **Isabelle & Cornelius** are settled in their new Hamburg home with their two children. **Rosemond & Emmanuel** with their two children are in Champaign, Illinois where she is managing a Walmart Pharmacy.

Sad to say that we have lost contact with **Karina** (last know location was Bolivia) and **Humberto** (last know location was Spain). We hope to reconnect someday.

We wish you all a very wonderful holiday season. May the Lord Jesus bless you all with Peace, Joy, Love and Love in your lives. May the New Year 2017 find you very happy and prosperous, reaching out always in loving connections to others.

With BIG HUGS and Love Always,

God bless you all.

*Dale*

*Nancy*

**The Hyltons**

*Rick*

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Family Gathering at Ann's Place



Grandma GG Kendal Ann



Stef Gram(94) Julie Nancy



Jim and Stef



Matt, Kendal, Ann



Kendal, Dale, Ann, Stef, Nancy, Rick