

2015: The Flynn Family Year-in-Review

FEAR NOT! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2.10-11)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! We hope that our annual newsletter finds you well and that you enjoy this brief "year in review."

We continue to be blessed by being part of the community of Live Oak Classical School, where Logan & Mia attend and Chantal works. Our church, Crestview Church of Christ, underwent a major renovation to the main building, which lasted most of the year, and has resulted in a beautiful Worship Center among other improvements. We adopted two more chinchillas in February, adding mother Fiona and daughter Zephyr to our family (which already included mate/father Matthias). We were also overjoyed that an In-N-Out opened near Baylor!

As far as travels go, we had lots of fun in June! Carl and Chantal enjoyed a much-needed getaway weekend to Fort Worth and took in several art museums, the Water Gardens and a fondue dinner. We traveled to Houston as a family and toured the Johnson Space Center. Our big trip was to Chantal's hometown of Utica, Michigan, in order to show Logan and Mia "where Mommy grew up." It was a fulfilling and sentimental time of seeing many friends, former schoolmates and cousins, houses she lived in and schools she attended, as well as the more educational experiences of Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Art and Art Museum, Meadow Brook Hall, and Port Huron (where we dipped out toes in Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes). In August, we had a "last hurrah of summer" at Great Wolf Lodge, and we traveled to California/Arizona during Thanksgiving break and had a great time visiting Carl's family.

Logan (10) is in Grammar 5 at Live Oak and his favorite subjects are math and science. This past summer he participated in Live Oak's basketball and football camps, Baylor's tennis camp, and Crestview's church camp. This fall he played Grammar 5 touch football for Live Oak and was invited to practice with the school's Cross Country

team (he even got to run in his first Cross Country meet!). He'll start basketball season in January. He enjoys sports, Minecraft, Nerf guns and Legos.

Mia (7) is in Grammar 2 at Live Oak and her favorite subjects are math, history and reading. This fall she enthusiastically participated in Live Oak's Lil' Leaders Cheer Camp and was part of the group that cheered at the Homecoming Game. She enjoys participating in Zumba with Chantal, Pokémon cards, Shopkins, Nerf guns and is excited about learning to ride a bike in the new year.

Carl enjoyed a great year in his role at Baylor. One of his interns was hired to a full-time position in January and his office was able to accomplish some amazing things this past year. He continues to develop curriculum and teach Sunday morning classes (and sometimes Wednesday night classes) at Crestview. Carl also served as head coach of Live Oak's JV volleyball team and assistant coach of the Varsity team, which made it all the way to the 2A TAPPS Final Four.

Chantal is enjoying her 4th school year as Office Manager for Logic & Rhetoric at Live Oak. She still can't believe she gets paid to have this much fun. She continues to do Zumba twice a week, helps with the 1- and 2-year old Sunday morning Bible class, has become a fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (Captain America, Avengers, etc.) and has fallen in love with the *Outlander* series.

Blessings to you for a joyful and wonderful 2016!

Cal Chantal Logan Mia









