

Jentink Family Update December 2017



Karis cooking - Canadian fishing trip

As I sit down to write this Christmas letter, it is the first day of winter and it is snowing here in Aurora. They say we are in for some *frigid* weather. Only 20 degrees on Christmas day! I smile! Growing up in Wisconsin and having my babies in Alaska has given me a different perspective. We are really looking forward to cold weather, it will feel like Christmas to us. Karis is especially excited for a fire in the fireplace.

We have all seen life from a different perspective this year. We began the year with Karis finishing her senior year of high school and Nathanael a few months into a full-time job with an HVAC company. In July, Karis and I spent 9 days in Canada with my brother Ken and his family. So many precious memories were made there and the fishing was amazing!! We were surrounded by amazing beauty and spending time with those we love so dearly. A sweet gift! Craig spent that time with his folks in MN while Nathanael held down the fort. Life was a whirlwind for us when we returned. I don't think I was quite prepared for all the changes coming my way.

Now, the kids have both finished their first semester in college. Karis was at the University of Northern Colorado and Nathanael attended Community College of Aurora. Karis lived on campus in the dorms and Nathanael is still



Craig drove up to Wyoming in August to capture a view of this 360 degree sunset during the August 21st Solar Eclipse.



Craig's view of the Solar Eclipse



Kim's big catch - Canadian fishing trip

with us here. What a change this has been for us. Especially me...I think. A new season has begun. Daily life is somewhat different for each of us. It seems I am leaning on the Lord for different things than I had when the kids were little. He continues to be faithful to us all and reveal more to us about who He is and what He has done for us. As I pray differently for my adult children (and honestly, probably more fervently than I had in those younger years), I am understanding more of the heart of our Father. I find myself longing to trust more deeply in some aspects of His character than I have in the past. His grace. His sovereignty. His lovingkindness. It's the same prayer of my heart for my kids. That they would continually trust more deeply in Him. That they would "taste and see that the Lord is good" and follow Him all of their days.

I pray that is true for each of you dear friends, whatever perspective you are experiencing this year. I pray that you are "tasting and seeing that the Lord

is good". And He is good! Which one of us would send our only child to redeem a lost people? It was hard enough for me to send one of my children to a college an hour away!!! Oh that the Holy Spirit would help us to understand "How deep the Father's love for us".

Merry Christmas dear ones! May you taste the goodness of the Lord this season!

Kim , for Craig and the rest of the Jentink family

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Nate hiking with Craig and Koda in Castlewood Canyon near CO Springs

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