

Kinsey Chronicles 2021

What a year this has been!



We don't have to go into detail about all that has been flying around us this past year. You have experienced it, too! But with all of that, let us share a little of what our year has been about.



Hockey plays a big part in the family life of the Foreman's throughout the fall and winter. The three "zebras" are (from left to right) Chad, Alexandra, and Jason. Our daughter Joy is the one behind the camera. She works a lot of games, as well, as a scorekeeper, an off-ice official, or running the penalty box. Jason, who is 23, bought his own home in Caronport this past year and is busy making some needed upgrades. Alex continues to live on her own Moose Jaw. Chad works in the Finance Department as Controller for Briercrest Schools. Joy still works for Nestlé Canada servicing stores in Regina and elsewhere, setting up displays in places like Wal-Mart and Shoppers Drug Mart. Joy and Chad are billeting one of the Caronport Cougars hockey players, as well being involved in the Church in Caronport. (We watch the Sunday services via You Tube almost every Sunday.)

Speaking of hockey, our son-in-law Emerson and our grandson Kennedy received matching awards for being the Best Goalie in their respective divisions. Our daughter Miriam is Kennedy's home school teacher, while Emerson is the high school principal at the International Christian School in Hong Kong where Emma is a grade 11 student. They are relatively safe now both in regard to Covid 19 and the protests that rocked the city a year ago. Unfortunately, the family was not able to visit Canada again this summer due to travel restrictions. We keep in touch by email pretty regularly. One of Emma's many interests is ceramics, where she is very accomplished. We have put an array of her pieces on the third page.



As you can tell by this picture of Nathan and his family, they are growing. All the kids are standing on the same level. Grandma Joyce is rejoicing that she is still taller than Titus, but maybe not for long. Michelle—on the left—will be graduating from high school this coming spring. Elliott—on the right—will be graduating in the spring of 2023. Both of them are learning to drive. Jackson—in the middle at the back—played volleyball this year on a team that Nathan coached and is currently playing basketball. Now that Jackson has gotten contact lenses, it is much easier for him to tell where the ball is. Autumn and Titus are now

attending an Awana club that started this year at Chemainus Baptist Church, just a 12-minute drive down BC1-A from where they live in Ladysmith, BC. Even as I was writing this letter, we got the good news that Amber got a full-time permanent position with Home Support Scheduling at the Vancouver Island Health Authority right in Ladysmith. And it is days! This is great for the family and for the support of Nathan and his Winsome Games Sports ministry.

In the summer of 2020, the big family get-together was supposed to be our Fiftieth Anniversary and Dave's milestone (platinum) birthday. That didn't happen and we all know why. The big family get-together for 2021 did happen, but just not as big as we had hoped. Simeon and Carly were married in the lovely garden of her Aunt and Uncle on May 21st. Due to travel restrictions once again, Joy and Chad had to represent the entire Kinsey family. They represented us well, both being in the wedding party. Simeon and Carly wanted a sunset wedding. When the sun sets in Calgary, it has already set two hours earlier in Ontario, but we all stayed awake for this live-streamed event. We recorded and sent a video ahead of time which was shown before the ceremony. Others in the very small gathering were able to give live greetings and advice to the happy couple. Maybe we'll be able to get together to celebrate their first anniversary.



Our Awana ministry in 2021 consisted mostly of helping our partnered churches figure out how to "do Awana" virtually using ZOOM or other platforms or doing live club following strict protocol. Unfortunately, a number of churches never got their Awana ministries going again. We are hoping that some of those will find ways of doing ministry, since kids are so important to God and to us. One of the churches that has made it through all the changes in protocol is our home church, Bethel Gospel Chapel in North Bay, ON. Dave was asked this fall if he would be willing to serve as a Sparks leader. So now, every Tuesday evening he puts on his Awana shirt and his running shoes and heads into town to work with these Kindergarten through grade 2 clubbers. The kids are a challenge, but he enjoys it.

Joyce's exercise class was on and off this year. Once the municipality enforced a vaccine mandate to use the gym, the aerobics program ended. For a month or more this fall Joyce and a few of the ladies kept fit by walking for an hour twice a week. Once the weather got bad, of course, that ended, too. But Joyce has kept busy with needle work, knitting, and baking. Some of the items she knitted have been donated to the neo-natal unit at the North Bay Regional Health Centre. Others were given to the local library and are being sold to raise money for more books. Still others have been gifts for the babies that have been born to members of our church. This morning Joyce baked and this afternoon Dave delivered plates of goodies to eight of our neighbours whom we remember each year. Along with the goodies we gave them a Christmas card with the legend of the candy cane. You can read this for yourself on the next page.

It is our wish and prayer that you might know Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Fully God, He took on flesh, came as a baby, but grew up to go to the cross to pay the penalty for sin—yours and mine. He invites you to receive the free gift of salvation He offers by placing your faith in His finished work on Calvary.

*We wish you God's best for
the coming year!*

Dave & Joyce Kinsey



The Legend of the Candy Cane

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith.

He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy; white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; firmness to represent the promise of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. He thought it could also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which he reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.



Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life. Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane - a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time.

But the true meaning is still there for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.



Emma's Ceramic Gallery



BUT NOW, OH LORD, YOU ARE OUR FATHER;
WE ARE THE CLAY, AND YOU ARE OUR POTTER;
WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND.

ISAIAH 64:8 ESV

