

APOL'S Salvia

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF JAY & GRACINE APOL

Beppa

Hi This is Beppa writing on my new laptop - this is really something as my progress is slow my first message will be short.

December was busy, looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. Bill and Helene were able to attend the wedding and I had company for a few days-GREAT. I spent Christmas in Portland with Kay and the kids. Then the news of Doug and Leannas' engagement.

January:

Met girlfriends for lunch. Had a "when we were young" conversation. We have known each other many years. Leanna's mother came to Sunday coffee time so she met quite a few Apols Had a nice chat with her (very nice lady)

February:

Lots of snow Lutz stayed with me overnight. Nice to have company. School and church activities were cancelled. Had lunch at Jayne and the kids had a free day. what fun to react with great grand children Coffee time was poorly attended couples on vacation -- some on vacation some leaving for and some coming back from.

I am still praying for all of you.

Love—Beppa

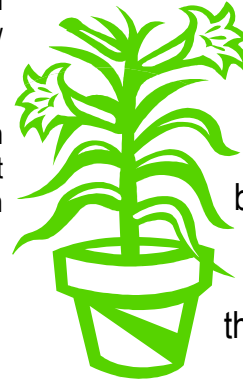
NEW Email! - beppaapol@gmail.com

EASTER SUNDAY Family Meal

We are able to use the Education building at Wayland CRC again this year.

April 4 - Dinner will be served at 1pm.

I will contact everyone through email as to what they should bring. Also if we could have an idea as to how many will be there it will help me for planning the meat.
Aunt Faith



Thank you—from Degage Ministries



I can't thank all of you enough for the generosity that you showed to the patrons of Degage at Christmas time. I see smiling, happy faces when they receive their Christmas or birthday bags. It can really lift their spirits and help them feel special. We handed out about 450 Christmas bags this year, and last year I handed out over 500 birthday bags. The need has grown with the downturn in the economy. I have people in my office that have never been homeless before. They share with me how hopeless it feels and how embarrassed they are about it. If I did not have generous and caring people like you, I could not do what I do. Thank

you all so very much.

I Peter 3:8 ...All of you , live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate....

Thank you for showing our patrons compassion and love.

Ruth Mulder



The Little Ones

Emily Marie Apol

Feb. 26, 2010 1:05am

7 pounds, 14 oz, 21 inches

Tom & Brandi Apol

Jeff & Annie

Hello from Phoenix. Hope everyone is doing well and staying warm. We are staying busy here and are now in the waiting stage for baby Mimmelaar to arrive. Along with the arrival of baby #3, we await the arrival of our nanny, housekeeper, cook, gardener, activity director, etc ..aka Grandpa and Grandma who will come after their trip to Maui. We pray that this finds everyone healthy, happy, and looking forward to spring. Love, Jeff, Annie, Will, Julia, and ?.

NEW BABY!: Collin Lincoln Mimmelaar arrived on March 4, 2010.

Shane & Megan

From the Negens down under

G'day from Australia! It's been a while since we last updated everyone but I'm sure most of our news is not new to many of you. In case you hadn't heard, we are expecting a baby around the 16th of June....it was a pretty sure 16 of June until the last doctor visit at which time it became either the 16th or the 8th of June. At any rate, he/she will come sometime in June and will be a winter baby ☺ Megan is doing well considering the third party growing inside of her! Although the question as to why God made it 9 months and not, say, 6 months has crossed her mind somewhat in the past. We covet your prayers for a healthy baby and no complications leading up to or during the birth. Megan will continue to work until the end of term 1 which happens on the 2nd of April.

The school year has started off well and we have certainly been busy. Shane just finished his year 9 camp where we take our entire year 9 class to a place called Dunns Swamp which doesn't actually bear any resemblance to a swamp. Ask my mum, she's been there, it's a beautiful place and she can vouch for it. We do a variety of activities with them like hiking (bushwalking) and canoeing. We also do a course where they use a GPS system to navigate and a UHF radio to call in at various checkpoints. The kids thoroughly enjoy the activity. It's a very intense excursion but provides a great deal of satisfaction and happiness; both for Shane and for the students.

Our high school (years 7-12) is also doing the musical 'Singing in the Rain' this year. There is a fair amount of video production required for the musical because it's about the transfer from silent movies to talking movies. Shane's been the one doing the video production with some students. It also has been a great deal of joy to do but has created quite a bit of extra work.

Megan is teaching a composite year 5/6 class this year (well until April anyways). She has the higher ability class which allows her to use her creative side more effectively. The kids respond well and she is enjoying her job....although the prospect of not working is slightly higher ☺

That about sums up the exciting parts. The rest of life is fairly un-exciting at the moment. As always, we extend the invitation to anyone who wants to see how it is we manage to stay attached to the earth when we're upside down.

Shane & Megan and bub

Ryan & Jayne

Hello Apols!

Not much new going on here, more of the same blessings every day. Andy is doing well and packin' on the pounds, Ryan's plugging away at school, big kids are using every "warm" day (anything over 30) to ride bikes and plan their summer days. It's very excited to hear about the new babies, and new Meyer kid too! Keep em' coming!

Lots of love, Jayne and Family



Doug & Mae

Doug's birthday is Feb. 28th and he got an early Birthday Gift from God this morning! We are very excited to announce that we have a new addition to the family. Djoulissa - pronounce: jew-lisa (given name-not sure if we



are changing it yet) was brought to our attention on Feb. 20th. God had put our family on someone's mind who knew that Djoulissa needed a home. They contacted us and asked if we were interested in adopting her. To say we were blown away would be an understatement-especially since we were not even thinking of adopting at this time.

We said that we would pray about it and see where God was leading us-it is hard to ignore when God is opening doors all around you! We really felt that God had prepared us for her and her special needs over the last couple of years and that He is calling us to adopt her.

She is 2 1/2 years old and from Haiti. She is in California on a medical visa right now. Djoulissa has some special issues -one of which is club feet. She had surgery in Dec. and is doing well. She also has some other stuff going on which we are not sure yet-we are thinking it might be Moebius Syndrome which affects the cranial nerves that control the facial muscles.

We are planning on flying out to California in April to bring her home. We are all very excited and humbled at this journey that God is leading us on. We ask that you lift our family up in prayers as we make plans and for wisdom as we raise our new daughter.

Doug & Mae Meyers

Don & Mary

It's March 1st today and the sun is shining! I just took a walk to the greenhouse. Ahhhhh, tropical flowers and 85 degrees out there! Spring is coming!

The first 2 weeks of February we went to Hawaii. We stayed in Poipu, Kaua'i, the northern-most island. A lot of time was spent exploring the island. Don went snorkeling and I usually read a book and watched his stuff (glasses, Crocs, etc). He enjoys seeing a lot of fish he doesn't have to take care of. We also flew to Maui for 2 days to visit Jeff & Cindy & Glenn. Spent one evening with them watching whales and a beautiful sunset from a cliff. Don and Glenn went snorkeling and saw lots of sea turtles. Jeff & Cindy introduced us to "Spam Musubi" for breakfast. (Try Google for the recipe.) We aren't so sure about the seaweed since it's a lot like algae.

This week is the Grand Rapids Home & Garden Show. Our Koi Club has a booth so we help with the setup and bring some koi. Don is also going to give a program on Koi there.

Enjoy the last 3 weeks of winter! - Don & Mary Jo

Bill & Helene

Greetings, the wind is howling and the snow blowing. And its below zero! Yes its been a long winter on the prairie. Bill has spent more overnights at the hospital than past winters. And Sara has missed a bit of work. She has been busy packaging mouthguards. Can't believe how many of them get shipped out. Its a good job for them. This past week they opened a new Dollar Store which will be connected to there Thrift Store. Sara will be spending some time there too.

Well I can just feel the warm ocean breezes and see the palms a-swaying. Can't wait to get some sand between my toes and see Jeff and Cindy! We leave on the 28th and then on the way home drop down to see Jeff and Ann and new babe. We will get home on the 15th and the next day Bill gets his first plants. So its a good thing he will be rested up. We've all been in good health this winter. Sara has been working out and is starting to do some crawling. We hope it leads to better balance, which she is already showing. We were planning on ONE new grandbaby this year, but now we just heard of another one coming quite soon! (No Ann isn't having twins). We've even seen pictures of her and can't wait to meet her. I will let Mae and Doug fill you in on the details.

Well I hope to get to the big wedding coming up in May.

See you then. - Love, Helene

Mike & Faith

Hi family,

Just a quick note. The day is beginning in all its' glory; the sun is starting to peak above the horizon, the frost has settled on the trees etc. and it is beautiful. His creation is grand and glorious!

We have had some wonderful time with the kids these past few months. Kari, Craig, and their family came out for Thanksgiving, Jesse and Christina and Sawyer were out in January and part of February. What a wonderful time with all the kids again. There is a hush that settles over the house when all of them leave again and a hope that looks forward to the next time. It is so good to have some of them in Michigan; it is such a blessing to have family.

I guess I have started a diary. The above was written a few days ago and so I will try to finish it this morning. Mike and I are leaving for Cozumel tomorrow morning, Feb 23, Lord willing. Looking outside this morning and seeing the snow falling - well, let's hope we leave:) It will be good to soak up the sun, swim in the ocean, and just enjoy another part of His creation.

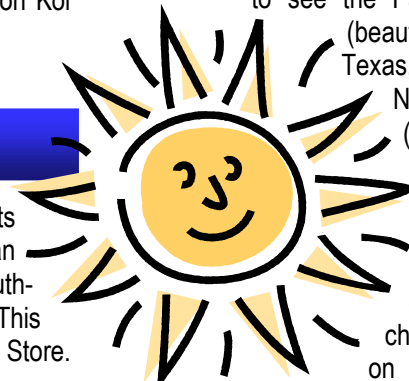
We have enjoyed the snow this winter by going cross-country skiing on the trails in Yankee Springs. What beauty! I love the quiet of the trails, the sound of snow softly falling, the quickness of the birds flying through the trees; the list could go on. Another season of spring will soon be here. It will be good to get back into the soil, plant the garden, and just smell the scents of spring-time. We are already hearing the birds so spring will soon be here. (no robins yet :)

May the Lord bless each of you with love and joy because of that greatest of gifts to all who trust in Him.

Loads of love to a wonderful family, Mike and Faith

Rick & Mary

Greetings from sunny Southern California! It is about 67° and the flowers are blooming. We are staying at a motel in Carlsbad right across the road from the ocean. We walked the beach today. What a contrast from Michigan when we left. Michigan had about 5 inches of new snow. We thought by going the southern route we would get out of the snow. We saw snow—at least some snow on the ground every day until we got almost to Phoenix. We stopped



to see the Palo Duro Canyon (beautiful scenery) in Texas, Petrified Forest National Park (awesome) and Meteor Crater in Arizona. We arrived in Escondido on Saturday. Went to church with Randy on Sunday and then he took us out to the desert.

We saw some beautiful flowers but it was not the peak yet. We are going to stay in Carlsbad until Saturday and then start to head back. Randy is going with us as far as Denver. We hope to stop at Death Valley, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks.

Having a great time—wish you were here!

Mary

Greg & Carla

As I understand it, the last Apolsauce was just going to press as Greg was proposing marriage, so a lot has happened since the last publication. We became engaged, planned a wedding in 6 weeks time, got married, went to the U.P. and Tennessee for a honeymoon, moved Carla into Greg's house (somewhat), planned & celebrated an open-house reception, and enjoyed a couple of holidays somewhere in the middle there. Whew! No wonder we're tired!

Looking back, we wouldn't have changed a thing. Greg proposed (& Carla accepted) on November 8 out at Holland State Park. (That story is a whole article in itself.) We could get both out-of-state brothers in town for Christmas, so a Christmas wedding it must be. With only 6 weeks to plan, we focused on a simple wedding with the theme of glorifying God. We were married on December 21 in front of about 100 guests at Carla's church in Holland.

We left the next day for a few short days up at Traverse City and then it was on to the U.P. to celebrate Christmas with Carla's family. We joined the Nagel clan on December 26 and the following week headed out to Tennessee to a cabin in the Smokey Mountains. Beautiful! We had a GREAT time.

On January 23 we had a second wedding celebration for all those family and friends that space limitations kept us from inviting to the ceremony. It was a very nice evening with another 200 guests (Yea! We had enough food!!)

We are now in the process of slowly moving Carla's things into Greg's house in Byron Center and preparing the condo for sale. Carla filled her condo in Zeeland just fine on her own and since Greg had been in his house for 10 years, he'd already filled every nook and cranny there. We're slowly going through both locations' closets and corners to figure out what we want to keep and if we have space for it. Who knew two single people could accumulate this much stuff??

Thanks to all of you for the warm welcome and multitude of well wishes!

Blessings, Greg & Carla



Shannon & Jodi

Joleen gave us an extension so I figured I should use it:) I am too used to facebook that the other day when I actually wrote someone a letter with a pencil I ended it with a smiley face that was tipped on it's side like on the computer. It was kind of funny to me!

On with our news. Shannon had knee surgery a couple of weeks back. The first week was kind of tough for him; he probably also did too much too soon. The second week went a lot better though. The swelling came down and that seemed to make a big difference. So he is back to hobbling around. His limp is going away so that's good. We are blessed with work right now and he can work with a friend of ours doing plumbing if he gets slow.

I am still doing coffee break at church. We are learning the names of God. I am pleasantly surprised at how much I am learning and enjoying it. Ally just went to see the Capital in Lansing for a field trip. I think it was pretty impressive for them. She said the Governor has either 15 or 25 aides. I can't remember and I'm not waking her up to get the right number. Shell correct me when she reads this:)

Bridgett has been busy making clay food for her dolls and also her friends. She is an expert hamburger maker. It's a lot of fun and quite addicting I have to admit.

Emmitt is loving school and is learning a lot. It seems crazy how they all of a sudden can learn so much. I'm going to miss him next year, Violet will to. All the kids are great helpers and she gets lots of attention. My favorite thing to see is her sitting with one of the kids, just content to be with her brother or sisters. Yes, she is well loved in this house! She has been walking for about 4 months now and she just learned to go down the stairs. The kids think that is hilarious. Everytime she goes down a stair she lets out a grunt. Her favorite time to go down is when the older kids are in bed and urging her to come see them. We are going to have to work really hard at not making her a spoiled kid. Enough of my gushing- all these new babies are exciting ! Can't wait to meet them.

I just got Grandma's email that she is on the internet! Next we have to get her on Facebook:)

See you all at Easter, Jodi

GLEN SIGHTINGS!!

Glen was caught playing 'Settlers' (which he won) and taking some pictures! He's also been doing some snorkeling, but don't have any pictures to prove it



Matt & Joni



Hey everyone!
We've had some very exciting days these past few weeks! The best thing of all was that Rachel and Joni got a new puppy! She is so cute and fun to have around. She gets to be in the house with us, too. She is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and will only get to be about 15 pounds. We named her Sophie. That should be all the exciting stuff we should tell you about, but for some odd reason, Matt and the boys do not agree!! Can you believe it, how can you top that?



Well, they have had a bit of fun of their own this year. They've been doing a bit of ice fishing lately and have been having quite a bit of luck! On January 9, Matt and the boys and a friend of Jonathan's went ice fishing and they caught 80 bluegills and a huge 31 1/4 inch Northern Pike! They were so excited. They went fishing again on January 23 and took Jason, Esther, Sam and David. They caught 4 smaller Northern Pikes and had to put those back. Then another flag went up and it was a monster fish! A 38" Northern Pike!! It weighed 13 1/2 pounds and boy, were they all excited!! We all enjoyed tons of pictures and a fish fry with the cousins. Then on March 6, Matt and the boys and Rachel and a friend of Michael's and his Dad went ice fishing. They caught a 33" Northern Pike, a 35" Northern Pike and the one that got away!! Oh man! It was half way out of the hole and the wire leader snapped! Matt came running and plunged his arm into the hole to try and grab it. He almost had it, but it was too slimy and it got away! But they had fun!

Jeremiah & Sarah

We are well, it is so good to hear of all the those babies that God give to all of you. Sarah and I have come to one conclusion, that God is good, kids are good and then there IS a good reason why He has given us what we have and we are in His good care, even now. Pray that we wait patiently, thank you.

I have been busy with not so much, this winter has been a bit quiet on the snowfall front. Sarah says it is a rebuilding year, and so it has. I have rebuilt most all of the plows and blades and tires. Whatever could break, has. We have only gone out twice where we finished and there was nothing to fix. There was a time when I simply expected things to work. Now I expect to work on things. I have learned to deal with breakdowns with a sweet and steadfast spirit, " We'll get done, we always get done"

I have found some spare time to work in the wood shop below my apartment and build some book shelves and a cabinet. Also, Sarah picked up a old rocking chair and I am slowly restoring that. I also have been able to read a few books this winter, " 'This Time is Different' Eight Centuries of Financial Folly." This book is by two really smart economists. I did actually enjoy it. The other big book I am reading is " Living for God's Glory" by Dr. Joel Beeke. It is an introduction to Calvinism. Also very interesting and useful.

The rest of our time is spent doing what needs to be done around any house. We are well and hope to see each of you soon.

Sarah is teaching and also taking piano lessons. She is really enjoying the challenge of being a student and a teacher. She can tell you all about the really great composers and there lives, I have learned also that they were men who have crazy, mixed up lives who needed Jesus as a peace maker between God and them just as much as you and I do.

Yours, Chuck n Sarah

Last minute request:

We are asking for prayers as Djoulissa Grace is having a MRI done in the morning (March 9). Pray that everything with her airway goes ok and wisdom for the drs. as they read the results. We also ask for grace and mercy as the MRI will hopefully answer some of our questions of her condition.

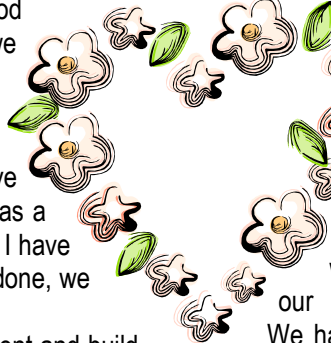
We have a set date for her to come home: April 13th! I now know why God made pregnancy last 9 months:)

Thank-you for lifting up our family during this amazing journey that God is leading us on.

SUPER LAST MINUTE UPDATE: We just received a call from the host family and the MRI went great. The intubation went fine and there was no problems with her airway during the MRI. We are hoping to get some results sometime this week.

Please continue to pray for her as her legs heal and get stronger and her casts come off on the 24th.

Doug & Mae



Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY

Samuel Apol	3
Hannah Apol	3
Joni Apol	5
June Fryling	8
Elizabeth Negen	9
Gwyn Kooistra	9
Thomas Apol	16
Zacharey Brinks	18
Denise Gulker	18
Dale Fryling	21
Jesse Apol	28

February

Matt Apol	4
Jeff Memmelaar	6
Violet Bird	9
Mark Apol	14
Jessica Meyers	15
Jacob Tibbets	21
Mary Meyer	26
Emily Apol	26
Doug Meyers	28

March

Jayne Tibbets	3
Benjamin VanderWeele	4
Collin Memmelaar	4
Nate Fryling	12
Ryan & Jayne Tibbets	12
Josh Fryling	19
Glenn & Karen	27

April

Joleen Apol	1
Randy Nagel	4
Rodney Meyer	5
Rebeekah Apol	7
Rose Apol	8
Dan Apol	12
Lana Bol	16
Rachel Apol	16
Curt Gulker	25

May

Parker Gulker	3
Cameron Meyer	3
JJ Fryling	7
Jay & Grace Apol	7
Matt & Julie Bol	7
Meredith Bol	8
Helene Dykstra	12
Mary Nagel	18
Katie Meyer	18
Glenn Apol	21
Doug Nagel	25
Sara Dykstra	28

Julia Fryling	31
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June

Craig & Kari Brinks	2
Saron Meyer	4
Karen Apol	5
Esther Apol	5
Meghan Meyer	5
Sophia Brinks	8
Trevor Fryling	9
Rick Nagel	11
Jarod Gulker	11
Sawyer Apol	15
Jeff & Ann Memmelaar	17
Curt & Denise Gulker	19
Benjamin Meyers	20
Tom & Brandi Apol	25
Doug & Mae Meyers	29
Matt Bol	29

July

Mary Apol	1
Jodi Bird	5
Samuel Meyers	7
Ann Memmelaar	7
Julie Bol	7
Don & Mary Apol	10
Nick & Rachel Negen	11
Shannon Bird	14
Herm Meyer	15
Emmitt Bird	17
Nicholas VanderWeele	20
Dan & Bonnie Apol	22
Rick & Mary Nagel	26
Matt & Joni Apol	28

August

Susan Fryling	2
Luanne Negen	3
Shannon & Jodi Bird	6
Cam & Mary Meyer	9
Reanna Brinks	12
Aaron Fryling	14
Faith Apol	16
Josh & Katie Slagter	21
Gracine Apol	22
Madison Meyers	24
Jeremiah Apol	25
Dale & June Fryling	26
Herm & Barb Meyer	26
Shannon Brinks	28
Mike & Faith Apol	30

September

Bill & Helene Dykstra	5
Jesse & Christina Apol	6
Jason Apol	8

Chris & Gwyn Kooistra	14
Elijah Negen	17
Bob Dykstra	20
Shane Negen	20
Kari Brinks	23

October

Barb Meyer	3
Nick Negen	13
Rodney & Sharon Meyer	17
Jay Apol	20
Andrew Tibbets	21
Mike Apol	26
Michael Apol	27
Christina Apol	28
Darcie Tibbets	28
Kierstyn Hanson	29
Payton Hanson	29
Rachel Negen	29

November

Craig Brinks	7
Mae Meyers	7
Alex Apol	8
Jason & Joleen Apol	13
Keagan Gulker	14
Bridgett Bird	19
Don Apol	20
Jonathan Apol	24
Ryan Tibbets	24
Mitchell Bol	24
Luke Apol	30

December

Ben Apol	13
Jordyn Hanson	20
Greg & Carla Nagel	21
Bill Dykstra	24
Jeff Dykstra	27
Greg Nagel	27
Bonnie Apol	28
David Apol	28
Ally Bird	29

I know there are a lot of birthdays and anniversaries I've missed—particularly those who have married into the family. Could you please forward me any additional information you have so this list can be updated.

*Thanks! - Joleen
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