

Merry Christmas

December 2018



The Schwaiger family at Snow Canyon State Park

Please keep us in your prayers!

- We traveled to Austria last summer and got our Green Cards – Thank You Jesus !!!
- God is building “The Grace Place” – Keep praying! Thanks.
- Sadly, Harald's Dad passed away in May. Please pray for Harald's Mom! She lives alone and she doesn't know Jesus.

Merry Christmas from our family to you!

In the rush of the season, the true meaning of Christmas often gets lost by shopping, baking, or wrapping of presents. But God gave us Jesus Christ, His own Son – who is the greatest gift of all time and the essence of the season.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6

Let us be in awe before HIM, like the angels were on the day of Jesus' birth, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:14



News at the Schwaiger's

In the spring we got a cute little puppy, **Harper**, from the animal shelter.

All of our kids are in love with her. Harper is a great protector when Harald and Helga are gone.

Rebecca (20) moved back home and we enjoy it a lot having her around.

Elisa (19) left in the summer to go to college (Frontier School of the Bible) and she is having a really good time there.

Debora (14) attends Snow Canyon Middle School and her favorite subjects are cooking and nutrition.

Johanna (11) enjoys singing and dancing at school and when she is home, she finds a recipe to bake or does an art project.

Joshua (7) is an excited first grader and always finds something to play with – with or without friends.

Olivia (5) started kindergarten and totally loves it.



“... Jesus came into the world to save sinners ...”
1 Timothy 1:15



Our Ministry – The Grace Place

Praise the Lord! Our Green Cards finally arrived after more than 9 years of hard work (Harald spent more than 1,000 hours on it) and spending a lot of money!

"The Grace Place" is a big joy in our lives! Besides Sunday Worship Services, we are always looking forward to our Wednesday Night Bible Studies, the Men's Coffee, and the Ladies' Bible Studies. Events like the Young Adult Fall Party are special treats and we enjoy them a lot.

And if there are possibilities for outreach in different areas, we use the opportunities to share Jesus with people and to invite them to "The Grace Place."



Proud Green Card Holders



Ladies' Bible Study



Young Adult Fall Party



At our kids' school: While representing Austria, we could share with people why Jesus brought us to Ivins, UT.



We represented "The Grace Place" at the Ivins Heritage Days.



Time for Family Fun



Since there is a lot going on at our house pretty much all the time with ministry, people coming for a short term visit, and others living with us for several weeks or even months, it is important that we take care of our own family.

We love to go bowling, skating, hiking, swimming, to the theater ... and it is always important to finish such a wonderful day with a stop at a restaurant. It's bonding us together! Thank you Jesus for times like that !!!



This is what happens when Harald goes on a "date" with Helga and she says, "Can we stop at Costco really quick? I just need a few things!"

A big THANK YOU to all of you!

Thank you for all your prayers and for all your financial support! This year was quite challenging for us in different ways.

At "The Grace Place," we had to deal with several very challenging situations. But, God is always faithful and His grace is always sufficient.

We thank Jesus from the bottom of our hearts for faithfully providing for everything so that we were able to pay all our bills and for our trip to Austria (8 people traveling to Europe and paying for 6 Green Cards is pretty expensive). We really see it as a miracle.

ALWAYS PRAY TO HAVE EYES THAT SEE THE BEST IN PEOPLE, A HEART THAT FORGIVES THE WORST, A MIND THAT FORGETS THE BAD, AND A SOUL THAT NEVER LOSES FAITH IN GOD!

God bless you!

Harald & Helga
Rebecca, Elisa, Debora,
Johanna, Joshua & Olivia