

The Kowallis Review

Happy Holidays From Virginia

Special points of interest:

- Still working as a computer network security analyst
- My backyard has a patio
- Kendra & Kelly have 4 kids, David, Anika, Elyse, Jonah
- My parents live in Orem, UT

A New Patio

I took a long time to finish the inside of my house, and I always said I would eventually get around to putting in a patio. I finally gave up on getting a round to it, and just paid some one else to install the patio. Once I decided I didn't want to do it, it took a month to select someone, but the installation only took 2 days. No more weed jungle in the back yard. Perhaps next summer I will get around to buying a grill and some yard stuff.

The rest of the house is in an acceptable state and doesn't need major changes. I

have two paintings done by my grandma that are framed, but still not hung on a wall, and a few

large mirrors. Nothing needs to be done that I can't put off indefinitely.



Patio during construction

Traveling

People always ask if I travel a lot, and I would say no. Then I would tell them how much I travel and they said that I did travel a lot, so I guess it depends on your perspective. Not all of my travel is business, and some business is also pleasure. I've managed to visit my family in Utah about six times this year, and some of those were business trips to

Idaho Falls. I've also been to Ohio, California, Nebraska, Norway, Sweden, Finland and North Carolina. A few hundred young single adults from all over the east coast gathered at Duck beach in North Carolina's Outer banks for Memorial Day weekend. It was my second year at Duck, but the tradition has been

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The Christmas Season

The Book of Mormon records a vision of the prophet Nephi in 600 BC as he and his family departed Jerusalem, destined for the ancient Americas.

And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the great city of Jerusalem, and also other cities. And I beheld the city of Nazareth; and in the city of Nazareth I beheld a virgin, and she was exceedingly fair and white. And it came to pass that I saw the heavens open; and an angel came down and stood before me; and he said unto me: Nephi, what beholdest thou? And I said unto him: A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins. And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.

And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father!

2 Nephi 11:13-21

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going on for several years. The church members in Nags Head expect a big crowd that weekend.

I was in Oslo, Norway for General Conference in April. My timing was a bit off, since Norway starts daylight savings differently than the US, but I still managed to watch the first session in Virginia before I left on Saturday and the Priesthood and Sunday morning sessions in Oslo on Sunday. On Monday I attended a single adult activity at the Institute building. The church is the same all over the world. It also helped that most of them spoke very good English.



Helsinki water front in early spring

While in LA in I was able eat a Volcano burger, drive past the Newport Beach Temple and say hello to my aunt in Seal Beach. In October I flew to Utah without telling my parents as a surprise. It was such fun! I also spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in Utah with family. Kendra's kids are growing like weeds. It has been a good year and I feel blessed.