

# HARRIS NEWS

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## Merry Christmas from the Harris Family!



God has been good to us this year, as always. We're in the year 2010! That still is amazing. Life is truly too short and too many things happen too fast.



We are busy with constant ministry and our family is in the midst of it all. We continue to serve the Diocese of Tyler, under the direction of Bishop Alvaro Corrada and Fr. Tim Kelly.



Our work centers on youth retreats, area meetings with the clergy and lay people, and our Charismatic prayer meetings and healing services.



It's a lot of work, but helps to bring renewal to the Body of Christ and we all need that. ☺



Some of the highlights of our year included the wonderful blessing of Simone, an Italian boy who came to experience Christian America with us in July. He was such a gift from God and a true encouragement to us in ministry and personally.



We celebrated our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Oct. with a weekend to Dallas.



Alan again made the trip to Chicago with YWAM's Summer of Service June outreach. We both served on July outreach to Houston.



We love SST's because they help to keep us fresh by seeing how God is training and using youth. We really get to stay current on what is going on in the mind of teenagers.



Alan loves his board games and baseball history books and has actually started reading more because of them.



Lori has really blossomed in her prayer ministry since returning to the mission field. She is a great counselor and is given many words of knowledge from the Lord as she prays for people at our events. She misses teaching and writing the most.



James, Susan and John continue to do great in school. James has become a cross country runner and has now taken up wrestling.

All kids are great. Juanita is back in school, working through the nurse practitioners program and working full-time as an oncology nurse. Charles is a junior at LeTourneau University, majoring in Aircraft Systems Maintenance Management. He became licensed as a pilot this year.



Sam made the big leap and moved into Tyler. He is teaching a hip-hop class, working and going to school to become a physical therapist.



Charlotte got married and lives in Denton where she goes to college.



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Susan does everything well and still loves soccer best.



John Boy is just great anyway you slice him. He is the Lego King and loves to read, do math and ask questions.

We still have guests for Sunday meals, although we don't have the 60 or more we used to feed.



Thanksgiving reminded us we still can draw a crowd. Charlie brought home six college boys with no home to go to. We had an overload of males with several other single men and families we invited.



It was great fun when the game tables were set up and the Settler's games came out!

We pray that God continue to draw you closer to Him this year and that Jesus and Him crucified be the standard by which we all live. WE have had our share of heartache but the blood of Jesus has covered us all through them.

May we look forward to a new page in Life as we enter 2011.

*Allen, Lori, Juanita, Charles,  
Sam, James, Susan + John*

## Youth Aflame Retreat 2010



The goal is to infiltrate East Texas Catholic teens to plant a hunger for more of Jesus and a closer, personal relationship with Him.



Our rapport with the Catholic community allows us access to school classrooms to share about events and call these youth to go deeper with Jesus.



We speak regularly at area "deanery meetings," our chance to have a forum with pastors and church leaders to explain our ministry.



Many of these churches want to help their young people but just don't know how to reach them.



The 2010 Youth Retreat brought 23 lively young people ages 13-18 from across East Texas out in the woods at YWAM's SST village. It was so good!



We saw the glow on these kids faces and heard their testimonies of how this weekend changed their lives.



The young charismatic priest from Louisiana was a great asset to our weekend- and he was funny too!



Working directly with YWAM we are able to tap into their passionate team of discipleship trainers.



The support staff consisted of SST leaders and friends of our ministry.



YWAM provided a rotation of worship leaders to keep the music fresh.



SST village is hidden back in the woods so youth can eliminate everyday distractions.



The weekend included a variety of activities to provide fellowship and develop friendships.



One of the highlights of each SST experience is the obstacle course which builds teamwork.



The true leaders rise to the top. These activities are designed as preparation for evangelistic outreach teams.



We are shaping the future of the Church by giving plant food to the roots.



This is the growth of Kerygma Texas and we are excited. Your continued prayer and support keep us able to reach more.