

Lauren's 2010 Life Update

I am so thankful that the older I become, the more I cherish peace, calm & contentment.

I didn't take time to write up a Christmas letter this year because not much seemed to drastically change from the year before even though I know the good Lord is always working even when things seems to be still.

Most of our lives are spent in preparation for those great days and moments. It is indeed worth the seemingly idle hours☺ Dad is just great. He's so social and has the best time. He is real involved in his church and started hosting a small group at his house Sunday nights. He loves the Luncheon Civitans club and all his friends & is super involved in all their activities. He has some dear friends he hangs out with a lot & they are always going somewhere & doing something fun.

I am anticipating my little one arriving this year. I was told she would be here from Nepal in 2009 but with international adoption the first thing you are told in the parenting classes is.. "Be patient". I have peace about the timing. I am starting a domestic adoption at the same time. I just pray over the children the Lord has for me wherever they are & in HIS beyond perfect timing.

I am still speaking/preaching every chance I get. This was a great year and I met so many precious people traveling. I praying about what next in the great adventures of Lauren...(smile)

We still have the 11 pups between the 2 of us. I take about 5 to Nashville when I am there. Dad & I took 6 to LA this Summer and boy was that a trip. The car broke down in a field in 10 degree weather..OH VEY!

I knew I had grown a leg or two when I did not get upset one bit but laughed and found humor in the moment. Learning to count my blessings and really turn lemons into lemonade. It is a clearly a choice. I really like living this way.

Facebook has been such a blast for me. I finally joined at the urging of the masses in the Spring and it has been a joy connecting with people from all over the world...even from 2nd grade. I just love people!

You know there are times we all wonder where our dreams have gone. But the Lord has shown me we are living them. It seems I realize the beauty of moments more in retrospect years later looking back. Life is such a precious gift.

I truly have the most amazing family and friends any girl could ever ask or pray for in life.

This year I want to laugh more, count it all JOY & just bask in the moments while they are being made.

I am thankful for growth and the rough and tumble than can drive us to the throne of grace and make us so much more beautiful. It seems the Father gave us such amazing, stubborn minds that we would have to loose a lot to find HIM. But then there he is standing at the end of that dingy rainbow that is now in full array handing us a gorgeous robe, He personally hand-crafted, in place of our ripped & worn street clothes.

So much love and to many blessings to count or as Mom used to say in her lovely southern drawl.. "May blessings chase you down the street and run you over"... 😊

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