

# Autumn Greetings from the Halversons!

Where does the time go? The start of fall snuck by while we were enjoying the fall colors! As we've said before, we are in love with autumn in Utah.

**Rachel** (5) is a happy Kindergartner. She wishes she could do schooling all day, as long as there was time to play with friends and David all day too. Rachel is a delight around the home, always asking what she can do to help. She is diligent at practicing the violin, reading and writing, working with numbers, dancing, singing, and doing gymnastics. We love her dearly!

We are proud of the boy **David** (8) is. He chose to be baptized: that day was beautiful and special, surrounded by friends and family. David works diligently at violin, karate, creative projects, singing, writing, math, and most of all reading. David is definitely Lisa's son! Like Lisa when she was young, we have to "threaten" David with loss of playtime if he doesn't turn out his lights at night, stop reading, and get some sleep. We love him dearly!

As a family, we've taken advantage of living so close to the Grand Circle, visiting many of the beautiful areas of Utah and the Southwest. In about a year's time, we've visited Arches National Park (UT), Aztec National Monument (NM), Canyon de Chelly (pronounced De Shay) (AZ), Canyonlands (UT), Cedar Breaks National Monument (UT), Chaco Canyon National Historic Park (NM), Dead Horse Point State Park (UT), Dinosaur National Monument (UT), Frontier Homestead State Park (UT), Goosenecks State Park (UT), Goblin Valley State Park (UT), Hovenweep National Monument (UT), Mesa Verde National Park (CO), Natural Bridges National Monument (UT), Nine Mile Canyon (UT), Zion National Park (UT), and the lovely mountains of Utah. Taylor, being a Minnesota kid where the mountains are not quite so tall ☺, still feels like he is on vacation every day living among these mountains. We know that the kids have developed a love for the beautiful outdoors when Rachel asked during a hike at Zion National Park, "Do we really have to go home tomorrow?"

Last winter Taylor taught the kids to ski: \$5 afternoon passes at Alta make it feasible! The kids have now become addicted to skiing like their dad (well, much more like Grandpa Halverson). We know that Rachel is in her element when she sings at the top of her lungs as she skis down the hill, "Let It Go!"

Other family highlights include a reunion with Taylor's entire family this summer, also celebrating his parents' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. And Lisa is overjoyed to have her sister Anna only 4 blocks away. Wow!

**Lisa** loves teaching her popular BYU World Civilization course entitled History of Learning. So many students want to get into the course that the wait list was nearly two times the number of available seats. Lisa's research continues to win accolades including a prestigious "Young Scholar" award. We look forward to celebrating Lisa's receiving her PhD degree from BYU April 2016. Join us for the day!

**Taylor's** work is meaningful and inspiring. He loves getting to know faculty members at BYU and learn from their enthusiasm and expertise. About a year ago Taylor started writing regularly for the *Deseret News*, which has provided a well-received meaningful outlet for his ideas.

We are so appreciative of all the positive influences and relationships in our lives. Many blessings and joys upon the paths of your lives.

*With Love,*

*Taylor, Lisa, David, & Rachel*

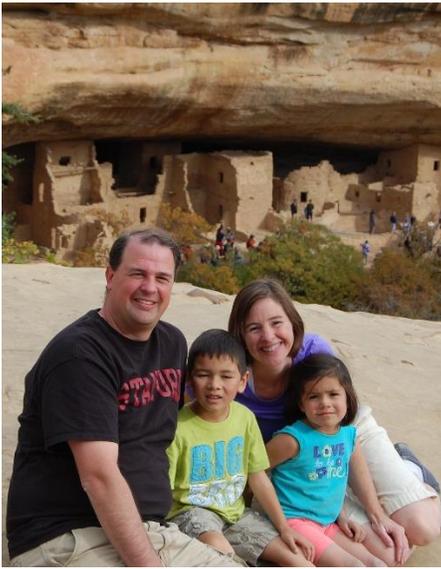
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Mesa Verde, CO (Oct 2014)



Skiing at Alta (Feb)



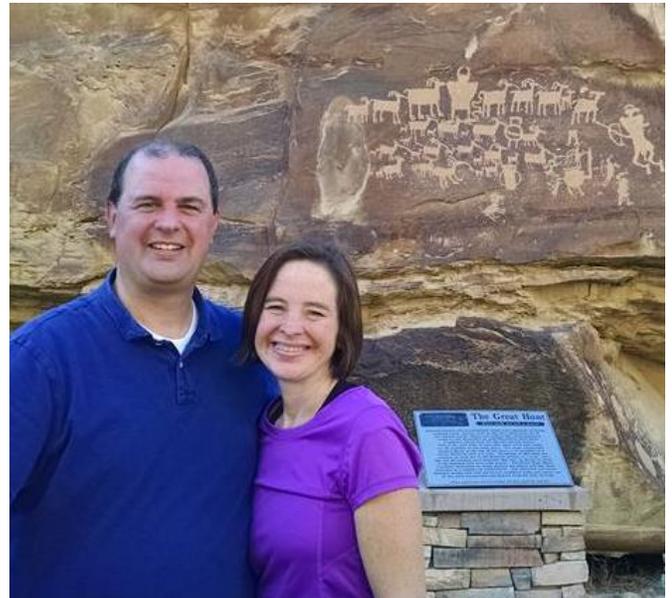
Silver Lake, UT (June)



Easter 2015



Off to School (Aug)



The Great Hunt panel, Nine Mile Canyon (Sept)



David's Baptism (Sep)



Canyonlands, UT (Oct)



Halloween (Oct)