

# Autumn Greetings from the Halversons!

We love autumn. We feel a sense of new life in the burst of colors, in warm days with lingering sunlight, with the start of school and new experiences, and cherished memories of friends near and far.

Together, **David (11)** and **Rachel (8)** enjoy so much, including skiing with Taylor; planting and caring for the garden; exploring the beauty of our surrounding areas; singing in youth musical theater; busking (playing in public) on their violins; playing with cousins; making new friends at Aspen Grove; setting up a “library” with special programming; catching frogs; getting the hang of sewing; running with a youth track team; swimming with the Springville Seals at our fabulous new rec center; making constant use of our library card; and thwarting any serious dinner conversations with giggles and goofiness!

**Rachel** exudes energy and joy. Her big news was her decision to be baptized on September 1, 2018. Many friends and family joined her for the beautiful event in Springville, Utah. Rachel regularly offers to help around the house, is endlessly curious about how the world works, loves to play with her friends in and out doors, experiments with a variety of creative projects, and loves to be David’s favorite sister! She is begging for a pet—chicken, cat, gerbil—anything more exciting than the only thing her parents can handle: her fish!

**David** is full of optimism, humor, and curiosity. He came back from the first day of 6<sup>th</sup> saying, “I think this will be my best year yet!” He is full of smiles, exploratory curiosity, tinkering, and good-natured humor, such as the time he tapped a dime to the underside of the bathroom faucet and waited for Dad to turn it on. (Dad got a shower!) David loves Genius hour; martial arts; debate; “Broadway Review;” 11-year-old Scouts; overnights up in the mountains; and Arabic day camp at BYU.

As a family we were overjoyed to spend a bit of time with both of our extended families this summer for reunions that were far shorter than we liked!

**Lisa (enjoying the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her 29<sup>th</sup> year)** has continued to love teaching both face-to-face and online courses at BYU and other universities. She puts up with Taylor’s addiction to getting out of town *every single weekend*, if possible! But as the rational one in the marriage she tries to convince the family to learn to enjoy all the pleasures that Springville has to offer, such as the neighborhood reservoir, the world class Springville Museum of Art, and the beautiful new rec center. Lisa serves as the Co-Director of the Educate limb (and unofficial “mascot” – a suffragette!) of Mormon Women for Ethical Government ([mweg.org](http://mweg.org)), encouraging thoughtful people everywhere to demand the very best from ourselves and from elected officials.

**Taylor (age is some large multiple of 12.8)** continues to find great pleasure interacting with hundreds of good and competent people at BYU each year. When Taylor isn’t hunkered down in responding to emails, writing articles, consulting with faculty members, or lunching with a variety of friends and connections, he is scheming how to spend more time in the incredible and vast beauties of the American Southwest. On the few occasions that his family hasn’t joined him, he’s been known to take his Nissan Altima onto roads that weren’t designed for such cars...and find himself stuck in the mud with no cell phone service. Without telling Lisa where he was going. 🤖 Taylor has two new books coming out by the end of 2018: *Learning at the Feet of the Savior: Additional Insights from New Testament Background, Culture, and Setting*, with David Ridges (Cedar Fort, 2018); *Scriptural Insights and Commentary: The New Testament*, (Covenant Communication, Inc., 2018).

For those who have an aching need to travel, join us on tours to India, Nepal, and Bhutan this November, to China in April 2019, and to Europe for a Danube River Tour summer 2020.

<https://www.funforlesstours.com/guests/dr-taylor-halverson/>

Though we call Utah home, we feel home whenever we spend time with you, our friends. For that and our many other blessings of resources, opportunities, health, and love, we are grateful!

*May the warmth & beauty of autumn animate your days!*

*Love from Taylor, Lisa, David, & Rachel Halverson*





David gets a scar story (Oct)  
(And Lisa learns she doesn't handle crisis well!)



Opening Night (Dec)



Lisa lobbies on Utah's Capitol Hill (Feb)



Monument Valley (Apr)



Canyon de Chelly (Apr)  
Photo by Ryan Halverson



Easter (Apr)



State Champs, 400 m (June)



Yellowstone (June)



Halverson Family Reunion (near Zion, Jul)  
Photo by Ryan Halverson



Swim Team (Jul)



Rampton Family Reunion (OR, Aug)



David (Black Butte, Aug)



Rachel (Aug)