



Dearest friends and family,

As I write this our children are sledding down the stairs in their footie pj's... as Nate and I smile, wondering what did we do so good to deserve these beautiful children... they bring such joy to our lives. Giggles abound and new, magical memories are being created daily in our happy little home. We have so much to be grateful for.

Nate loaded up the pickup and drove with Andrew, William & Libby to North Carolina to visit our friends the Nederbrocks in the spring. They had a wonderful time... and I truly believe, Nate will be sainted for driving an 8, 7 and 5 year old over 18 hours... alone! Early this fall, while studying sea shells, the children were in absolute awe of the different types, colors and shapes of sea shells, so we figured, "let's let them find some shells of their own in Florida!" Fortunately, Beverly, my Stepmother, lives in Florida and was generous (and brave) enough to open her home to us. We set our expectations as low as one should when one plans to travel 23 hours with 5 children, and much to our delight, we had a wonderful time. The children had no idea where we were heading when we packed up the truck and couldn't believe how the colors changed from brown to green the longer we were on the road. They found hundreds of beautiful sea shells on Sanibel and LOVED playing in the ocean! It was wonderful! We are grateful for the time we had together and for Bev's hospitality!

We are abundantly grateful that Nate has plenty of work to keep him busy. He amazes me. He gives so much of himself to so many. He is a wonderful husband and the world's best Daddy. When the children hear the door open at the end of the day, there is a mad dash to greet him and smother him with love.

Andrew turns 9 this month and is still as thoughtful and generous as ever. He recently asked me, with a sheepish grin on his face, to leave the kitchen for awhile... I suspected he was up to something and politely excused myself for a moment. When he came to get me, he asked me to close my eyes. He led me back to the kitchen, where he and William had prepared the table for supper as a thoughtful surprise. Amazing boys. He loves to read, loves to help and loves to love. He is a kind boy with a generous heart.

William turned 7 in October. He, after much anticipation, finally lost some teeth this year! He loves to create and takes such care with his creations. He is growing so quickly, but is still so gentle and loving. He is our little fisherman, any chance he had last summer, he could be found with his rod in hand, ready for the next fish. In addition to many pan fish and bass, he managed to catch his head with a treble hook; thankfully no serious injury resulted in the "weed removal mishap".

Lib turned 5 in May. She is "all girl", but surrounded by oh so many boys! She plays right along with them and is just as tough. She loves to dance and does gymnastics everywhere seemingly possible (the kitchen, living room, Nana's house, etc.). She loves being the big sister and is a great help. Her smile can light up a room and she is a wonderfully animated story teller; her entire face helps tell each story.

Charlie... Oh Charlie... almost 4 (next month)! He is a delight! He loves Bob the Builder and Handy Manny. He is not to be found without some sort of tool in hand, which has been a bit troublesome on the furniture, but like he says "Mom, I am doing my job." Imagine walking into the garage and seeing your 3 year old trying to dismantle the 4-wheeler, only Charlie!

Thomas George will be 2 on Christmas Eve. He is at such a magical age. He loves Thomas the Train, and playing tag and hide-and-go-seek with his big brothers and sister. He can be found dancing and softening every heart this little love encounters. He is a joy and makes us smile till it hurts our cheeks.

Each of our blessings is growing so quickly and developing such beautiful and individual personalities. With much anticipation we look forward to January, 2011, when we will (God willing) meet the newest little Soley... another boy! ☺

As for me... I am just happy, grateful, and hopeful for what God has in store for us in 2011. Our little home school is buzzing along; the children are exploring, living and loving to learn!

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2011.

*The Soley Family,*

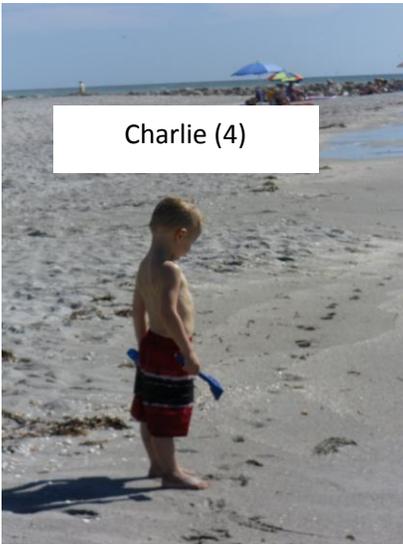
*Nate & Kristen, Andrew, William, Libby, Charlie, Thomas & Soley #6*



Nate & Charlie



Libby (5)



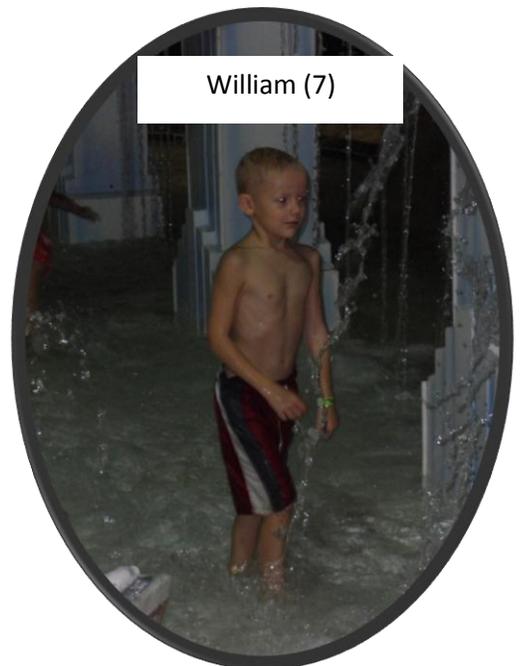
Charlie (4)



Thomas George (2)



Andrew (9)



William (7)