



Van Loh 2012 Christmas

Isaac (14 years old; 5'8")

Best books read: *The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, Cabanatuan Prison Raid*

Things I enjoy: reading about WWII and other interesting books, Three Stooges, youth group

Best 2012 memory: Stay-cation here in Lansing

This year I learned: a godly legacy is very important

To relax I like to: watch WWII movies

I'm thankful: I was born into a good family

Interesting place visited: Civil War Reenactment

Best food tasted: Deluca's pizza, sassafras root beer

Best GGF (Great Grandma Frantz) quote: "I think I've been here before"

Goal for 2013: keep increasing my personal best in the 5K

Unexpected blessing in 2012: winning a Quizbowl game on television

Fun thing: seeing the Hobbit with my youth group, learning how to play guitar

Thoughts on GGF: It's amazing how she can turn any topic into a story about herself

Bible verse I like: *But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.* I Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)



Lily (16 years old; 5' 6")

Best books read: *God's Politician* (William Wilberforce), *Crazy Love*, *Radical*, *Les Misérables*

Unexpected blessing: Boney kitten finds our house, decides to stay and turns into a buff, hunter pet named Opie

Things I enjoy: Facebook, being creative on the computer in graphic design and video making, playing music at church and for Evamarie Cropsey's wedding

Best 2012 memory: Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI) Camp, winning our first game on Quizbusters (<http://video.wkar.org/video/2301156045>), passing my driving test

This year I learned: Don't over commit myself.

To relax I like to: swim at the MAC, listen to Denton Bible Church podcasts, listen to music by Rameau as well as Jordi Savall

Interesting place visited: Lansing Old Town; Puebla, Mexico (mission trip)



Thoughts on GGF: She's adorable! She gets sweeter and cuter as she ages

Fun things: Sisters of Faith (girls Bible study), shopping for a new dress, 16th birthday party, flute upgrade, getting two letters to the editors published

Goal for 2013: Earn the status of Ambassador League Agent in Student Statesmanship Institute; complete the design for a pro-life billboard for Lansing for Clinton Country Right to Life

Bible verse I like: Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. Psalm 73:23 (ESV)



Naomi

Best quotation: “But the effect of her being on those around her was incalculably diffusive: for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and the fact that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully hidden lives, and rest in unmarked graves.” George Eliot *Middlemarch*

Funny moment: When GGF told us Christ was in her room helping her when it was actually Grandpa Telloyan! Can you see how GGF might think Grandpa T looks like Jesus?

Reality: Other seemingly healthy people have trouble and GGF keeps celebrating one birthday after another. She’s 96 now and January will start our 5th year taking care of her.

Prayer request: On December 3, I was in the ER with chest pain. After running an EKG, a stress test and an echocardiogram, two of the three tests showed a possible enlargement of ¼ of my heart. Paul Telloyan, my brother, had the same symptom before he passed away from pulmonary hypertension when he was 4 and I was 5. This disease has a strong genetic link so during December and January; doctors will be checking me carefully. My daily Bible reading is what helps me the most. The support of Tim, Lily, Isaac, my parents, family and friends has been touching. You can follow my progress on Facebook.

Bible verse I like is: *Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful.* Romans 12:12 (The Message)



Tim

Best book read: *Hebrews* – I might even finish preaching through it this year

Goal for 2013: Run a 5K in less than 20 minutes, finish memorizing Ephesians

Things I enjoy: Reading, exercising at the MAC with the family, pastoring the great people of Grove Bible Church

Best 2012 memory: Celebrating Lily’s 16th birthday with a family purity ring ceremony at Lily’s favorite Chinese restaurant (see top of front page for photo)

Saddest/happiest event from 2012: My last grandparent passed away and went to Heaven, Grandpa Van Loh.

Funniest sight of 2012: Seeing my dog, Moses, after he got his summer shave

Something I like about living in Michigan: Mild winters

Some things I did for the first time: Fishing for salmon on Lake Michigan. Deer hunting: shot twice but missed both times. ☹️ I learned that deer hunting = sitting for long periods of time. I may have done better had I turned the Internet and Email off on my smart phone! 😊

Something I enjoyed: Helping Naomi’s brother, Mark, on his campaign (photo below). We gave it our best, Mark!

Best part about being a pastor: Seeing people mature in their spiritual thinking and how that fleshes out in great choices and a godly perspective.

Hardest part about being a pastor: Seeing people’s poor choices catch up with them.

I’m thankful for: A sovereign, redeeming Triune God, a great wife, smart and godly kids, supportive in-laws and parents, a loving church family, a network of friends near and far.

Bible verse I like: *If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.* John 15:7 (ESV)

