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*Aloha,*

*July 2010*

June 19, 2010 - Camp Popo began when we picked up the kids at Midway Airport at 1 a.m. Michigan time. For those of you who don't know, I (Maree) am Popo to our grandkids and Jack is called Bobi. This was our third annual camp and we were sooooo excited!

I had spent the previous two days making everything ready and special. The downstairs was clean and sparkling. New toys were laying on their pillows. The cupboards and fridge were filled to overflowing with their favorite foods... Eggo waffles, ice cream, Mac and Cheese (it has to be Kraft!), chicken nuggets, Doritos and Cheetoes....and the list went on & on....

Jack and I left for the airport well past our bedtimes but we didn't care. I don't think we even needed a car to get there....we could have run on our own adrenaline. We got special passes to be at the gate and we waited for the plane to land.

All of a sudden the doors opened and we found ourselves searching the crowd for our precious grandchildren from Arizona. Bethany (13), Savannah (11), and Silas (6) finally came into view and as we hugged and kissed we began a fun-filled, jammed-packed 2 weeks of making memories.



Sunday dinner at Redamk's with Jack's Mom-L to R. Silas, Savannah & Bethany

The days zoomed by so quickly. Bethany and I would catch each other tearing up from time to time

and we both knew what the other was thinking.... "it's going so fast! Pretty soon it will be over!" We did really good holding each other to our promise that we wouldn't cry until the last day when we really had to.

We started a journal last year and each day we wrote down the day's events and anything we wanted to remember. What fun we had re-reading that together when they arrived. As the kids walked around the house they kept exclaiming, "I remember that!," over and over again.

This year we had to add a new section to the journal. We entitled it...."Silas-isms." Silas is crack-up. Some of things he says are just too precious to forget. So, when one of those Silas moments happened someone would yell, "Popo, get the journal!" I would dash to write it down and Bethany would run to the computer and put it up on Facebook! I can't let this moment pass without sharing one or two with you....so here we go:

We were riding in the car and Silas was very animated and talking non-stop. I had already asked him a couple of times to calm down but he was just too excited. Finally he blurted out, "Do you have a chill pill? I know I need one!"

I was fixing dinner and the girls were in the showers. Silas was lying on the couch being very quiet. I didn't want him to fall asleep before dinner so I called to him and asked, "You're not asleep are you?" He answered, "No, I'm not asleep 'cause when I sleep I get outrageous ideas!"

And I just have to include this one... "Sometimes I get mad and that's when I look Japanese!" (He made his Japanese mad face....very funny...you had to be there!)

Some of the highlights for me were: watching Savannah make chocolate chip pancakes, playing card and board games with the kids, watching America's Funniest Home Videos and laughing our selves silly, watching them enjoy the beach, finding treasures...beach glass and shells together, listening to Savannah & Bethany sing and having them lead worship with me, and best of all...sharing our

S.U.R.F.'s together (devotions) each morning. Listening to them share how God was speaking to them through His Word was so wonderful.

In the evening when the children were in bed Jack I would collapse on the couch or in bed and take a few moments to just revel in that day's events...fun things we did, funny things Silas said (and believe me, he said a lot of funny things), or just how beautiful the girls are and how much all of them have grown up physically, spiritually, and emotionally. In short, we just pretty much delighted ourselves in our grand children.

Psalm 149:4a tells us "For the LORD delights in His people". Did you know that? Did you know that he delights in you? He totally enjoys our company. He longs to be intimate with us.

Keeping connected to our grandchildren takes effort. We must call, text, e-mail, or if it's Bethany...Facebook...regularly..... They also like getting packages in the mail!

Being together physically, each summer, is so wonderful. It gives us a chance to renew those bonds that tend to fade with time. When we are together hour upon hour we become more intimately connected.

God longs for & delights in us even more than Jack and I long for our grand children. He desires us to plug in each day and spend time talking to Him, praying to Him, singing to Him and reading His Word. The things we can do here on a day to day basis to keep connected to our Lord will serve to enhance our experience with Him when we see Him face to face.

He's gone to prepare a place for us. He told us that just before He left this world. I'm not sure what exactly is in God's fridge but I know that Bible tells us that there is going to be a wedding feast and one day we will be with Him and it won't be for two weeks....it will be FOREVER.



4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Erkelen's

### South Shore Fellowship Update:

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was very special. The Engnell clan joined us and Howard joined Jack to baptize Joan

Arnold. Later that day we had an awesome time at Erkelen's enjoying food, fellowship & fireworks. BTW thank you to Dave & Bill for getting the good kine fireworks. I think a lot of us had stiff necks from looking up.



Joanie's baptism

### Nordgren Family Update:

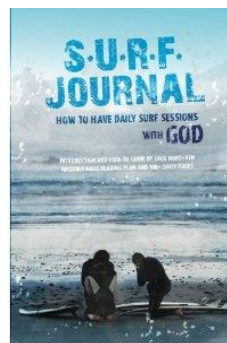


Another grandchild to delight in-Congrats to Josh , Tay & Jack on the new addition to the fam-Finn Nordgren

*Aloha Ke Akua,*

*Jack & Maree,*

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