

THE GRINESTAFFS



JACOB & HANNAH'S WEDDING (LEFT)

LEVI & CASSIE'S ENGAGEMENT
(ABOVE)

2014 began with a trip to Colorado to meet Hannah Moody's family. God knit our hearts together as we stayed in a mountain home for a ski weekend. The California wedding in May was so beautiful. The picture above shows our family with Monica's parents.

We had our second trip to Alaska in July for two weeks, although we went without the three oldest children.

Rachel served in Worldview Academy over the summer and hopes to do it again.

This fall we enrolled Joseph, Benjamin, David and Rebekah in a homeschool co-op that meets twice a week. Monica goes to a morning class every Monday with Ethan, Ruth, and Rose that gives them some great social encouragement. We jumped into another crazy busy

school year with football. The season ended on Nov. 29th. Rachel was accepted to her first choice nursing school. She begins next month. Levi asked Cassie to marry him Thanksgiving week, so we look forward to a wedding next May in Texas. This is an exciting time as we watch our family growing in a new way. We are blessed!



Can you believe this? The dog we had to leave in AK now lives in our AK neighborhood. We got to see him in July!



4 HAPPY GIRLS!



3 TEEN BOYS - WOW!

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



ONE-LINERS according to birth-order! See hint, below.....

1. Married. Living and working in Idaho
2. University Jr. in Dallas, engaged
3. Begins nursing school in Jan. Loves Texas!
4. Hard worker. Very relational.
5. Loves everything football & longboarding
6. Natural leader. Jokester. :)
7. Another leader! Bakes very well
8. Self-taught artist & deep thinker. New pianist.
9. Natural athlete. Curious. :)
10. Huggy. Musical. Adores babies.

Is there life after football?

We never thought we would ask this question, but after 2014, now we wonder. We had three football players this year - Joseph, Benjamin and David. Because of Benjamin's birthdate, he played JH. George helped coach the JH team. It was David's first year in football and he really did well - learning how to "wrap-up", etc. Benjamin was at the top of the playing level for JH, so he rarely came off the field. He has a knack for the strategy of the game and would live, eat and sleep football if he could. Joseph played on the varsity team and showed improvement in many ways. The most significant thing for our family is that this sport, and the incredible coaches and

Christian families, have given our family needed support as we raise young men in this day. It has been such a positive thing, we wonder how we will live this semester without it! :) The younger children helped Monica cook, deliver, and serve Monday night meals to the teams so they could watch game film from the previous week. BTW, the Fort Bend Chargers went to the State Championship level and lost 39-28. We are so thankful for the experience, though it does last for four solid months. Now we find ourselves cherishing a family meal around the table or a devotion before bed..... Simple pleasures. Yes, there is life after football.

Jacob (23), Levi(21), Rachel(19), Joseph(17), Benjamin(15), David(12), Rebekah(10), Ethan(8), Ruth(6) and Rose(4)