

Dear ones –

Despite our optimism that 2021 would leave pandemic worries and woes in our rear-view mirror, we find ourselves still dealing with COVID. Nevertheless, our family had an adventurous 12 months and we'd love to share the highlights of our year.

We have been blessed living in sunny Southern California without long commutes to work or school. Nathan has become a voracious 3rd grade reader and really loves making new friends. Rachel takes every opportunity to remind her parents that 7th grade (aka junior high) is much different than elementary and shows a preference for hanging out with people born in the 21st century, thank you. Gina continues to ride the waves of change that COVID has brought to Kaiser's employee health. Ed, having transitioned back to almost entirely in-person patient care, remembers his stay-at-home workdays with great fondness.

We traveled! Wonderful memories and adventures awaited us on our trips this year. In March we set out for a week of Costa Rican exploring with Nana Betty; we couldn't believe the beautiful biodiversity we encountered. The most highly anticipated excursion was our 2-week stay in Hawaii during the month of June, encompassing the islands of Oahu, Hawai'i, and Maui. Nana Betty and Grandpa Leonard joined us on this trip, and we had a ball swimming, snorkeling, parasailing, road-tripping, and hiking throughout the various biomes of this wondrous state. Then in October, Ed and Gina escaped for another 2 weeks to trek through Iceland and Scotland. We returned refreshed and renewed and ready for more! We're looking forward to new travels next year, keeping in mind we have no idea how the pandemic will affect worldwide tourism.



Let's end with the things we are grateful for:

- Ed – our family's health, working remotely
- Gina – in-person school, music ensembles, health, travelling
- Rachel – our cats are still alive, Disney channel, my hair, Bakers
- Nathan – Big City Greens, bean and cheese burritos, story writing
- Grandpa – my parents' life and health, no COVID in our family

"And heav'n and nature sing!" May your Christmas be joyous!

The Javor Family

December 2021

Merry Christmas



January: feeding ducks near Pasco, WA



February: resort time at Indian Wells, CA



March: coffee plantations in Costa Rica



April: father-son birthday celebration



May: Cummings grandparents at home



June: rainbow eucalyptus on the Big Island



July: paddleboarding at Camp MiVoden



August: enjoying Cowboys training camp



September: the Hollywood Bowl returns



October: chasing waterfalls in Iceland



November: old Scottish packhorse bridge



December: home for Christmas