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 May
Lovely,
Happy Times
Decorate Your
Holiday Season,
May Warm, Special
Memories Brighten
Your New Year, May
The Wonder of Christmas
Be With You Forever.



Christmas 2015

Hello Family and Friends,

All's well with Tom, Fran, and family. It's hard to believe that we are now in our fourteenth year of retirement on Hilton Head Island!



Our big adventure was a five week trip to Australia, New Guinea, and Indonesia, mainly visiting remote villages and reefs on a small "adventure ship". We spent some time in Sydney, then boarded in Cairns, and got off in Darwin 26 days and 3300 miles later.

Tom now serves on the South Carolina Board of Parole and Pardons. The board hears 3,500 parole cases and 650 pardon cases each year, and grants about 800 paroles and 400 pardons. Studying the cases, commuting to Columbia, and hearing the cases takes about three days a week. It is a unique, challenging, and rewarding experience.



Fran made her fifth mission trip to Malawi, Africa in September. Ministry of Hope rescues babies orphaned at birth, and returns them to their villages when they are weaned. The Ministry also provides mobile medical clinics to all the villagers, and stockpiles food for the young orphans to survive the three month season between crops. Our son Jon accompanied Mom on this trip, and took this picture of her favorite duty.

We visited Chris, Carol, and Abigail in July. They have relocated from Long Island to Tivoli, NY. It's on the Hudson River between West Point and Albany. It was their favorite vacation spot from Long Island, and now it's home. Abigail is a tall eleven years old, with a talent for basketball, and shown here regaled for her school's Winter Ball



We visited Anh-Minh and Jon for Thanksgiving. They hosted their local family members for Thanksgiving dinner, and Fran passed along her turkey, stuffing, and gravy secrets. A great success!

May the best of this season be yours richly.

Peace, joy, hope, love.

Tom & Fran