

Merry Christmas from the Sheltons 2009



"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14 NIV

One of our favorite songs is "The Word Was Made Flesh" sung by *Anointed* on the Oratorio, EMMANUEL.

We hope you are having a wonderful Christmas and wish you the best of New Years!

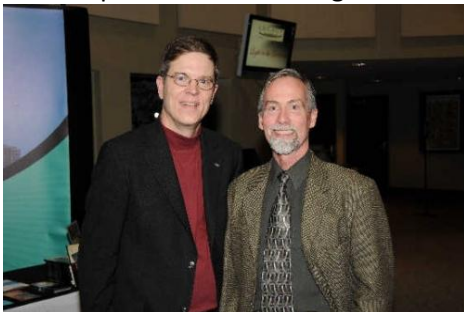
We are so grateful this year as our son Paul is home from the Marines! After 4+ years of holding our breath in between prayers, we are thankful to have him home safe and sound. Paul served with the 1st Marine Division, the 1/7s and deployed three times to Iraq. He plans to take advantage of the GI Bill and head to college this winter with the goal of becoming a Physical Therapy Assistant. Jessica has continued taking classes at Cascadia Community College and has plans to transfer to Westmont College in the Fall. She loves her job for [Dreamstar Birthday Parties](#) as a Princess and continues to assist her dad throughout the day when I'm at work. Connor is in 8th grade this year and has just recently recovered from a nasty elbow dislocation back in May (Skateboarding, of course). Even after a summer full of PT, he still can't straighten his arm, but almost... Connor spends every waking moment with his big brother now that he's home, unless his ol' mom is nagging him to finish his homework!

Many of you have kindly asked how David is doing. It's a hard question to answer other than to say that sometimes I think he's doing the best of the five of us! David's consistent faith in the Lord, walked out daily- even as he walks through this trial of Aphasia and Amonia (can't find the word he wants) and dementia remains heartening to say the least. While he is quite aware of his limitations, David never complains, just presses into God and into the daily tasks before him, many of which are difficult. He is still DAVID, with his wonderful sense of humor, awesome heart for God and people and full of life. He recognizes everyone, but can't always grab their name. I've written a

journal entry on Caring Bridge from David's most recent appointment with his Neurologist if you'd like to read it. You can find that at www.caringbridge.org/visit/davidshelton and click on JOURNAL. It's been 4 years since David's been able to work but he fills his days with a faith walk that I can only explain as nothing short of amazing. David misses being able to speak easily as he once did, but we are encouraged and prayerful as we continue with his therapy that God will unlock all the wonderful stuff that is still in there! I played for him his BOOK of JAMES CD yesterday and he sat there smiling intently while listening to the words he shared with so many for so many years. David is living out daily the first few verses of chapter 1 and I'm more proud than ever to be his wife.

Sometimes encouragement happens when you need it the most. Recently at [The Legacy Institute's](#) Annual Gala, David was honored as one of the contributors of their curriculum, "Relationships with Integrity." David's ["The Great King"](#) is the focus for the 4th grade lesson in this ground breaking curriculum. As President Carrie Abbott shared, the team wanted the 4th graders to have an emphasis on the Father Heart of God and that David presents it so well in The Great King. Due to an incredible response from the test schools' parents, students and staff, The Legacy Institute has now decided to use David's TKG DVD for a capstone of their 12th grade curriculum as well.

An unexpected and touching moment for everyone in the room was when Keynote



Speaker [Dr. Walt Larimore](#) skipped the stage upon his introduction and walked directly over to greet David, telling the audience *"I've always prayed I'd have the opportunity to meet David Shelton and thank him for blessing my family with 'The Innkeeper's Dream.'"*

For an electronic update on the ministry, please visit us at www.davidshelton.org

I am very thankful for my jobs at Media Fellowship International and Northshore School District (coaching swimming and diving for Inglemoor High School). I've recently become an independent distributor for Herbalife International and continue managing the office for David Shelton Ministries.



We would love to hear from you! Let us know how you are and what's new. You are never far from our thoughts and prayers,

Deb, for David, Paul, Jessica and Connor

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