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Merry Christmas! We have been lucky enough to have a had a very blessed year in 2013! It was a year for travel, visiting old friends and making new. Flying bigger planes, new countertops and appliances, mud races, and fly-ins, shoulder surgery, a family graduation & marriage, a new birth, and diving (and not diving)!

to spend extra time to visit longtime friend Brandi and her family, in nearby Gig Harbor. Brian tagged along on a trip of Laurie's for a visit to his Aunt Jeanie & Uncle Jack.



We participated in the Spartan Race (military-style obstacle run) in May where the temperatures didn't rise much above the 40 degree mark. It was truly a grand accomplishment for both Brian and Laurie as the elements proved to be the biggest obstacle. Unfortunately, the race left Laurie with a rotator cuff injury which was repaired over the summer.



Laurie's nephew Garrett graduated from college and also got married. Welcome to Sara! We also welcomed another baby niece by Brian's sister and brother-in-law; Grace Evelyn was born August 12<sup>th</sup>. Our 11<sup>th</sup> nephew/niece.

Brian continued his training as a private pilot and now takes command of a 4-place Piper Dakota.

Our annual participation with the Colorado Pilots Association fly-ins took us to small town Pella, IA – a place neither of us



Laurie was tasked this year with a new element to her job, company travel, which took her to the Seattle area where she was able

We again tried our hand at home improvement projects, replacing the kitchen countertops & backsplash, and fireplace tile. Thanks to Laurie's dad who provided his tile expertise!



Kitchen Before

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and videos of this year  
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Kitchen After



had been, and a place we are only likely to return to for the Gouda cheese!



Our annual SCUBA trip took us to St. Thomas, USVI where Laurie's shoulder rehab prevented her from diving, but Brian and friends, Eric & Chelsea had several glorious dives to remember. Shark!



A short birthday flight in November took us to Saratoga, WY where Brian practiced his mountain flying. If Laurie can somehow get a flight of any level in during December she will have flown, GA or

commercially, every month of 2013. Destinations other than WA, IA, WY, and STT included Cedarville, OH to see niece Kati, and nephew Garrett at college (and to attend Garrett & Sara's wedding), Pueblo & Greeley CO (Whoot!) for breakfasts.



Our "kids" continue to provide daily joy to us. Abby is 11 but wants to think she is 2 still. TC and Tank are...well, cats!

Each and every year we count our many opportunities & blessings and we count you, our family & friends, among them. We hope this finds you with good health and happiness!

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2014.  
Love Brian & Laurie

