

## Loftus' Lifelines

Psalm 145:16-18 "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."

With the Advent season upon us, we have been looking back over the past two months and realizing that God faithfully protects and guides the Loftus family. We are so thankful for your prayers for us! We know that God is helping us through your prayers! Spending the better part of October on the road gave us wonderful opportunities to trust in God's promises of his presence and help.



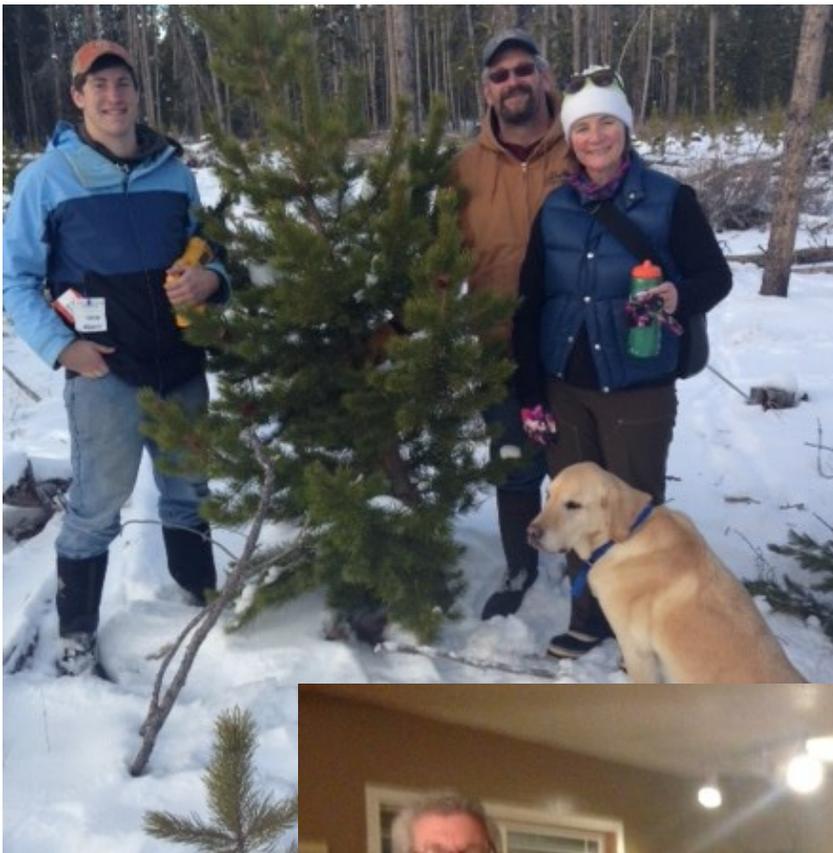
### *College Collages*

Prompted by a desire to travel with his dad and a desire to see his siblings at college, **Ike** decided to forego playing football this past season. Though he missed being on the field with his teammates, he thoroughly enjoyed seeing two Christian colleges through the eyes of a prospective student, as well as being a part of his siblings' and friends' campus world. As a junior in high school he is setting his sights for the big transition to college life in the near future. (MBU has a football team...)

**Gannett**, a freshman at MBU, survived the rigors of his first semester. Combining classes and the fall play, "Twelve Angry Men," tested his mettle and his reliance upon the God of promise. In November Gan performed beautifully as Juror #9, a seventyish, quiet-spoken gentleman, while **Ellie**, played a very convincing, bold, and somewhat obnoxious, Juror #10 in "Twelve Angry Women." She, too, found God faithful to his promise of "help in time of need" throughout the long first semester of her junior year. God allowed **Dean and Lorie** the privilege of watching their children in four outstanding performances on Lorie's birthday weekend. ☺

### *Conference Connections*

One weekend in early October, Dean and Ike flew to South Carolina for a summer staff recruiting conference at BJU, while Lorie flew the next weekend to California for a ladies' retreat at Wolf Mountain Christian Camp. Meeting in Milwaukee at the end of those conferences, Dean and Lorie took a 2-day get away to reconnect before a week-long, very blessed and very uplifting missions conference at Brookside Baptist Church in Milwaukee. The Biblical principle that perhaps impacted us most was that "the harvest truly is plenteous" because Jesus said so, and he speaks truth! Souls are ripe for the picking if we will share the gospel! Thankfully, all of our children (including Phil, Adriana, and Autumn) were able to join us for some part of that conference.



Still trying to catch our breath after all the fall travels, we opted to lay low during the Thanksgiving holiday. It is very rare for us to be “just family” around our table, but we really enjoyed our threesome that day and the tree hunt later that weekend.

Ike began his junior-year basketball season the week after Thanksgiving, and his team has already had two tournaments! Dean and Lorie enjoy seeing him play in their off season. Winter camp events will begin with a young adult retreat in early January.

We are so thankful for our opportunity to serve God and people at Red Cliff. Please continue to pray for God’s help and direction in our family and ministry.



Blessings to you all in 2017!