

The Year 2004 in summary – The diary of the Gullman family – or at least a small snapshot of what we have done.



Well Christmas has come and gone...the New Year is fast approaching! It is hard to imagine another year has passed in some ways but in others it really feels like the year has taken its toll.

January was filled with lots of activities and events. We adopted Chudley (a small black dog) from the local pound, and Rebecca swam in her first competition swim meet. I flew to Texas to be with Rachel on her birthday (20) and to have a last visit with my Dad. He went to be with the Lord on my birthday Jan. 20th so I had



two short days with him before he died. Feb. was filled with clam digging with Rob Wolf and family, David's birthday (22), both Rebecca and



Julie getting their Drivers license on our anniversary, and Larry and my 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Carmel by the Sea. March was filled with trips to La Honda, speech, Awana's, piano lessons and a recital, Rebecca taking the H.S. exit exam (she passed), Dad taking the contractors license exam (he passed), and of course Daniel (14) and Roger (10) birthdays as well.

April brought more of the same with swimming practice daily for Rebecca, for Julie working at Longs and attending Cabrillo College, Spring Fling (our swim team hosted a swim meet for 3 days, and Mom cooked for 100 or so people), and Anna Raquels (9) birthday. We also had the arrival of a large "Suprise" dad's new Hunter 33 sailboat.



May brought star testing for the younger kids, more swim meets, field trips for school, Julie's graduation from H.S., finals for Jonathan and Rachel at LeTourneau Univ., a trip to Texas to help my Mom with a remodel of her home, and a drive out with Jonathan and Rachel through Utah to visit the arches and then home for the summer.



Now for a lazy, laid back summer....not in this family. Orthodontist appointments, Rebecca's (17) birthday, piano recitals (again), field trip to the zoo (overnight), dentist appointments, lake vacation, Dad travels to CO and to China, plus a few 4H activities such as camp, Dad to Fl., more swim meets, swim team awards dinner (Rebecca was swimmer of the





year!), and last but not least doctor appointments for various family members and of course work for all. Sadly on Aug. 30 school began again for Rachel and Jonathan in Texas (2nd year).

Early Sept. Julie departs for her first year at Azusa Pacific University. Awana's begins again, Rebecca gets a job at Long's Drug store, Santa Cruz Fair (Daniel and Rebecca's garden took 1st place and best in their division), and Andrew turned 5. I had surgery (from which I am finally recovered in



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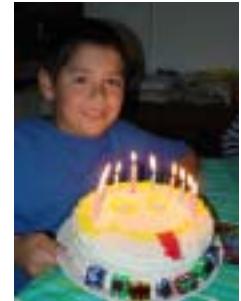
Oct. brought another birthday for Larry, 4H activities (Rebecca is president, Daniel is treasurer of our club), we signed Rebecca and Daniel up for charter school H.S., we attended the American Bamboo Society meeting near Julie's school so we got a good long visit with her, and we host a Wed. night home bible study group, and of course school, swim practice and meets.....

Nov. brought more of the same, a

women's retreat (I was the cabin den mother), we built a warehouse on the property (lovingly called the airplane hanger), school, and Thanksgiving vacation with Julie able to come home.

Now it is Dec. Dad went again to China, Robert had a birthday (8), Daniel fell and broke his hand and left arm (he is right handed), all the

kids are home, we went to Lake Tahoe and some kids snowboarded, cross county skied, dental cleanings for all (cavities in most), and of course there is work, and Christmas. Now Christmas is over and CES (consumer electronics show) in Las Vegas is coming up, work for the older kids, some



more school for younger ones and a birthday for Julie and Jonathan (19), and of course work for Larry. I of course am just lying around, taking it easy, playing computer games and eating ice cream ...I think I am dreaming. So we all look forward to another busy year, full of adventure, events to make memories from, and most of all ways to show that God is faithful.

In his love and strength (the only way to live life in this family),



Larry and Lisa Gullman, and the rest of the family
We also adopted a ferral kitty named Fred, and Daniel owns an iguana named Lizzy.