

# 2021 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Scott clan of Jacksonville, FL! We hope that our letter finds you all well and in good health. 2021 has been a very challenging year for all of us but we are grateful and blessed to survive this year with love for our family and faith to our Almighty Father.

Our own oasis (pool) was finally completed in February after almost 8 months of waiting just in time to officially open Mark's very own Poco Loco Home Bar on his birthday last March. Unfortunately, due to some medical reason, Mark was grounded from flying early April. Trusting that God was in control, Marissa had the best year EVER in her 14+ years of real estate with 343% increase in her production as a solo agent (and without any assistant or transaction coordinator). Mark was able to rest as the stay-at-home Dad, driving CJ to her school and other activities while completing all of Marissa's to-do list, enjoying his own bar and pool and spending time on the river with his boat club membership.

Marissa's sister and her family from the Philippines came to visit us last April for 2 months. We spent a lot of time going to the parks (Universal and Disney) and a mini vacation to Key West, FL. Mark & I also celebrated our 22 years of tolerating each other (I must say, he is one patient man) and took the opportunity to spend alone time at The Ritz Carlton in Amelia Island, FL.

Last May, JC graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He plans to join the US Navy to become a test pilot before pursuing his dream of becoming an Astronaut someday. He also received his official private pilot license so for his graduation gift, we took the family to the Big Island, HI for over a week of vacation. We truly enjoyed our tie in the island watching endless sunsets from our patio, snorkeling, star gazing in Mauna Kea, luau, visiting the Kaumana Cave, the Rainbow Waterfalls, night swimming with the Manta Rays and touring the active volcano of Kilauea.

Unfortunately, Marissa's mother passed away in August in the Philippines. Due to the 14-days quarantine mandate for international travelers, Marissa couldn't see her mom before she passed and weren't able to travel for her funeral, but we are at peace knowing she is now together with our Father in Heaven.

When something bad happens, this often open the ways for some good things to happen. Shortly after the passing of Marissa's mother, our adoption of Marissa's 16-year-old nephew, Christian was granted. CT (his nickname) has been part of our lives since he was born. We've been asking him if he wants to live with us and finally this year, he made the decision to stay and officially became part of our family. CJ was very happy to have another brother at home while JC is enjoying his last year before life gets too serious for him next year.

Marissa got hit by covid (several months after she received her shot) and had severe symptoms due to her asthma. Luckily, it was caught right on time and managed to get the Monoclonal Anti

Body shot before it was too late. Unfortunately, she is still dealing with some health issues and getting impatient with her full recovery.

Finally, after almost 6 months and a series of tests, our prayers have been answered! Mark was officially approved to fly again. We are very blessed to have such amazing people in our lives who constantly prayed for us. Mark was very excited and managed to be home with us for Christmas.

Despite of all the troubles of our world, we hope that each one of you had a good CHRISTMAS. Life is full of challenges for everyone but know, that we are here praying for all of you. GOD WORKS WHERE THERE'S AN ATTITUDE OF FAITH. Faith is the anchor of our soul. Let us not get consumed by worry and full of doubt. THIS WILL ALL COME TO PASS.

Our home is always open if you ever want to come and visit. If you need someone to talk to, we are never busy to take your call. WE LOVE ALL OF YOU and will continue to pray for blessing and protection for you and your family.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY, BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Love,

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