



# Christmas 2008

Hello!

Well, we did it. In May, after 23 years in our 2600 sq. ft. home in the "Salem towne" retirement community, we made the Big Move to a 960 sq. ft. apartment at "Avamere Court" a senior complex in Keizer, Oregon—just north of Salem. Downsizing was traumatic but we survived and in spite of the terrible real estate market we sold our home a month later. Now, we are well recovered from the stress and strain of moving, and we have settled into our new home. For Barbara, life is pretty much like a cruise: three very good meals served every day, the apartment is cleaned weekly, and handy elevators instead of stairs have made her knees feel fine. For Glenn, no more yard work, and minor repairs in the apartment are now somebody else's problem. Still, we miss our good friends and neighbors and the wonderful views of fields and mountains from our Salem towne house. The courtyard we view now is just not the same. We both enjoy the trips provided by Avamere, to the coast, to plays, and yes! once a month they go to the nearby Indian casino. The tale of the move is on our website under "Moving."

Sadly, just before we moved, we lost another member of our family. Gloria, wife of Glenn's brother, Terry, lost her battle with cancer on April 23. She is greatly missed.

Before and after the move, we kept our calendar full with travel. In mid-January, we had a superb trip to the famous temples of Angkor Wat, near Siem Reap in Cambodia. Our personal guide was Mark—who had made a couple trips to Angkor earlier. Truly, a trip of a lifetime and our website has the photos and trip log under "Cambodia."

During the summer and fall, we enjoyed trips to the Oregon coast, the mountains, even a sternwheeler "cruise" through the Columbia Gorge. In October, we took a week's cruise from Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera. Mark continued his travels all over the world, including a "Three Continents" trip, starting in Colombia, on to Germany, then to Israel and the "Petra" ruins in Jordan. Karen used her sabbatical leave from the Clackamas Community College Library to study Spanish at language schools in Cuernavaca, Mexico and Quito, Ecuador. She managed to include birding and Monarch butterfly trips north of Mexico City, and in the high Andes, Amazon jungles and coast of Ecuador. In Cuernavaca, she also had a good visit with Glenn's cousin, Anita.

When it was time to make our move and hold a huge garage sale, we hollered "help" and both Karen and Mark arrived from far-away places like Ecuador and Indonesia. We really appreciated their help. Now, we are looking forward to a family trip: on Dec. 9 the four of us will fly to Los Angeles, board the *Golden Princess* and sail on a 2-week cruise to Hawaii. A good way to celebrate the season and our 58th anniversary on Dec. 22nd.

We hope you are well and looking forward to a happy holiday season. Take a look at our family's websites—all accessible from: [www.mrhalliday.com](http://www.mrhalliday.com). Our e-mail address remains: [gbhalliday2@yahoo.com](mailto:gbhalliday2@yahoo.com). And, our new mailing address is: 5210 River Road N., Apt. 2029, Keizer, OR 97303. Same phone: 503-371-1025.

Our best wishes to you for a very good year ahead!

**Barbara and Glenn**

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## Below is a "collage" of our year

**Top Row:** 1) Angkor Wat Temple, Cambodia. Jan. 2008.  
2) Dancer at Angkor Wat Temple show, Jan. 2008.  
3) Just before our garage sale with Glenn's well-organized sale items. "Salem towne," Salem, OR. May 2008.



**Row Two:** 1) Dining Room at "Avamere Court" apartments, Keizer, OR. June 2008.  
2) The Courtyard at Avamere Court. Our apartment is on 2nd floor, just above seated figure. June 2008.  
3) "Columbia Gorge" sternwheeler, Cascade Locks, OR. June 2008.  
**Row Three:** 1) The Arch at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Oct. 2008.  
2) Pool aboard *Sapphire Princess*. Oct. 2008.  
3) Barbara, Karen, Mark and Glenn after Thanksgiving dinner at Avamere Court. Nov. 27, 2008.