



## WE HAVE MOVED

*May the blessings that surround the birth of the Christ Child be with you and your family this holiday season. Join us as we pray for peace on earth.*

**December 2018**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**and a Happy New Year!!**  
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It has been an eventful year. A spur of the moment decision in late October saw us decide to move and find a rental house on the same day, taking possession 10 days later. We engaged movers for our big furniture. We slept in our new home within 3 weeks of the momentous decision, We are still in the process of downsizing and ridding ourselves of the majority of our possessions. We have not officially put our old house on the market but the plan is to do so soon.

This was another busy year. Phil was hospitalized with the flu strain that wasn't covered by the shot, and I got a much milder case of the same early last December. We were both sufficiently recovered to make it to the cabin for our New Year's celebration with the Buteras: Gwyneth, Rob, high school then sophomore and now junior Chloe, Smith College freshman an now sophomore Camille and 5 of their friends plus the 2 of us made a full cabin! Back in Texas, Barb made her first trek of three to Buenos Aires, Argentina to see the Riveras : Susannah, Luis and the twins Leo and Miles who had moved there in December. Phil stayed in Texas for eye surgery.

Phil and Barb traveled to Baltimore for Barb's professional computing education society meeting and then on to Massachusetts for a visit with his sister Belle. Sadly, Belle passed away three weeks after our visit. It was a sad return for her funeral on a snowy March day. The day after we returned from the funeral Phil and Barb headed to Buenos Aires for a visit with the Riveras. Barb made a couple of trips to Cape Cod in late spring with daughter Gwyneth who purchased s small Cape cottage in Eastham, MA. Phil and Barb headed to the Cape again for an early 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration week with our daughters, their spouses and children plus one grand-dog. Phil and Barb joined the Riveras in San Francisco for a week in September. Age is slowing us down a bit but we love to be outdoors, to sing in our church choir and to share so many good times with our family.



Left to right: Rob, Gwyneth, Luis holding Miles, Susannah holding Leo, Phil, Chloe holding Phelix the dog, Barb and Camille

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas season and a blessed new year.

