

## He Is Risen



Dear Friends, thank you all so much for the wonderful cards and letters we received from you at Christmas. Please forgive us for not getting our annual letter out on time. You were in our thoughts and prayers. We trust that the celebration of Easter is an equally good time to share with you some of the music of our lives since we last wrote to you.

Our consulting business, Dossin Business Solutions Inc., is definitely “up tempo.” We are grateful for steady clients who offered us expanded areas in which to serve them in 2006 and currently. Steve has been “wearing a lot of different hats.” It’s challenging, and gives him the chance to orchestrate productivity in ways that express both his talent for business and his faith in the American way of doing it.

We helped our clients with shop floor control and reporting, training, transitioning from old to new systems, and setting up good business practices for a new company (among other assignments).

Despite the hectic pace we were blessed to take two trips in 2006: an October invitation to a Mission India conference at Marco Island, Florida and a quick visit to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving with Nita’s family. While in Florida, we got to visit with extended family and friends around the state. Sounds of the surf, cries of the shore birds, music of India, laughter of friends: what a soundtrack!

Speaking of soundtracks, we worked together on the computer to create a slide show with music as a gift to Steve’s parents for their “230 Years” party (230 came from adding up Harry & Betsy’s ages + 55 years of marriage + 20 years of retirement). It was a lovely time, expertly catered by Steve’s sister, and the guests seemed to enjoy the little “memory lane” production – some asked for it on CD.

On the ministry side we continued to host the house church here, as well as occasional meetings of the D/FW area folks who are part of the International Encouragement Ministries network. At the Mission India conference we met many kindred spirits who are devoted to Christian stewardship. We introduced some of the leaders to our *Living the Abundant Life* materials. We learned that one of the greatest burdens in India is personal debt, accompanied by the evils of loan sharking and slavery. Our curriculum explains God’s view of debt, and how to live debt-free. We pray for more avenues of service in this area.

We praise the Lord for generally good health, especially that Steve’s fibromyalgia responded in a significant way to high doses of magnesium, under his doctors’ supervision. He feels stronger and is in less frequent pain. We also thank you for your prayers. Nita’s hidden talent is making kidney stones, one of which required surgical removal in 2006. She’s fine. Bright notes included some really neat family parties and lots of live music, including the Argyle Bluegrass Festival this March. And we are always happy when there are guests in our guest room... we had some very special visits this Spring.

Life’s music includes somber notes. Three friends our own age (actually younger) died last year. We attended the funeral of a friend’s father not long after we saw him dance at his son’s wedding. A dear cousin lost her husband this month. Headlines continue to tell us of the agonies of terrorism and war.

In 2006 we got the piano tuned. That made it sound better, but it really sounded its best when a visiting concert pianist – on tour with a worship team – played the piano as it was meant to be played. Often our lives are like that piano — needing “the touch of the Master’s hand” to keep our hearts in tune with His.

Did you know that Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” was written for Easter, not Christmas? May the joy of knowing that Christ is Risen fill your hearts with music this year and always.



*Steve’s friends from Austin College days, Brian and Anne Harper, invited us to their daughter’s wedding at the Gaylord Texan, April 2006. Steve had attended Brian and Anne’s wedding in a previous century.*