



### *Staley Christmas Letter - 2009*

*Donna and I hope you have had a nice year. We look back at 2009 and for us it was a busy and exciting time. We moved on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 from our home on the Southside area to Pulaski Road, north of the Danes Point Bridge. The move meant learning our way around a lot of new places including restaurants, stores, shortcuts, etc. Let me tell ya that moving from the Southside Finsestown area to the north redneck country was a big adjustment. On any given day here you can see wild animals including owls, fox, timber wolves, beaver and even some domesticated animals like mules and donkeys - and that is in our front yard. One of the first redneck experiences I had was while shopping for shirts at the Walmart not far from our house was to find out that all of them had pictures of fish and other wildlife on them - and those were the dress shirts. Donna had a few adjustment also to make but we will have running water in the house soon which should ease up the tension around here a little. She claims the trips to the outside well are hard on her feet. I've explained to her several times now that if she just takes the dog with her, she could kill two birds with one stone*

*and get the water and walk the dog all at the same time. The dog likes those one mile walks a lot. I am also in the process of adding glass to the windows in our house as my Christmas gift to Donna this year which should make her happy and things much warmer and less breezy over last winter.*

*People up here are pretty nice as long as you don't stare at them too long. Donna and I have actually met many here in our area and even found three neighbors so far that do not carry a gun.*

*Our younger son Shaun and his fiancé Kristen will be getting married on January 1 at East Pointe. He will also be graduating from Liberty University in February. At this time, they plan on staying in the Jacksonville area. Our older son Chris and wife Tawney had a baby boy - Benjamin Paul in September. He is growing so quickly. We get to see Benjamin just about every day which is fun to see him grow.*

*Both Donna and I spend much time at East Pointe where we work and play (attend) and love to see all of the wonderful things happening here. What a great place to be working along-side good friends and those who love Jesus. We appreciate each of you greatly. In closing, we hope you have had some good times and a little laughter throughout the year and that 2010 will be even greater. Merry Christmas and God bless.*

*Ken and Donna Staley*

