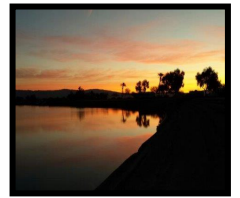


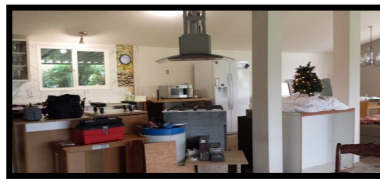
# Happy New Year!

January 1, 2015

2014 has been full of surprises. Shannon called us on January 28 when we were relaxing at Lake Cahuilla in La Quinta and told us she was pregnant! The beautiful sunrise the next morning held the promise of many exciting changes that were in store for us.

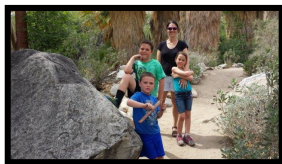


We spent February and March “camping” at Indian Springs in Palm Desert where we had purchased a double-wide mobile home in April 2012. We became addicted to home renovation shows on HGTV as we demolished walls, tore up carpet, for good deals on furniture Home Depot, Lowes, and including replacing the old

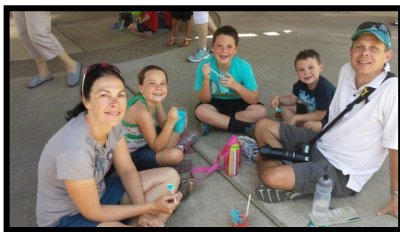
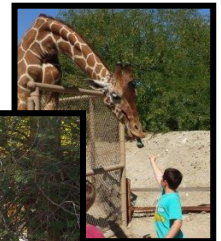


searched Craigslist and local resale/consignment stores and appliances, and made multiple trips every day to Ace Hardware. Richard did a lot of the work himself—water heater with a tankless one, installing a hood over the new stove in the island-to-be, doing plumbing work, and overseeing everything that was going on.

Bette kept busy keeping out of the way, spending time in Palm Springs with friends and working on design plans for the project.



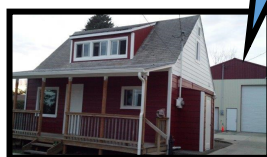
Debbie and Paul brought Mason, Reese and Miles to Palm Springs in April. We visited The Living Desert, hiked in the Indian Canyons, and celebrated all three grandchildren’s birthdays and Bette’s on April 14.



In May we returned to Brookings and listed our home for sale. Our plan was to downsize and move to our little rental house when the house sold. To our surprise that only took a couple of months. We closed escrow one day before Shannon’s due date, moved almost everything we own into the “Garage Mahal,” and moved into the



the RV. We headed to Arcata and spent October getting to know our new granddaughter, Olivia Anne Tobin, born October 8, 2014.



The Garage Mahal



It was a busy summer but we tried to take breaks and enjoy the summer in Brookings. We were even able to get away for a week in September and met friends at Packer Lake.



We moved into the RV on September 10 and experienced what it's like to be "full timers" for the next two months. When escrow closed on our house we moved to Mad River Rapids RV Park in Arcata ... almost next door to the hospital

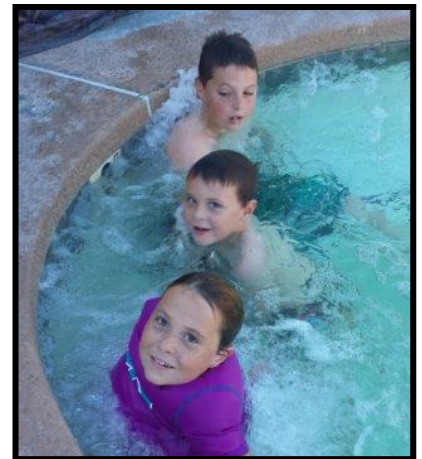


where Olivia was born.

We stayed there until October 30 and got to be with Shannon and Olivia every day.



Debbie and Paul brought Mason, Reese and Miles up to meet their new cousin on October 19. The RV park was a great place for a family reunion!



We didn't get to spend the holidays with the kids ... but Mom came

down the day after Christmas and we'll take her out for her 95th birthday later today ☺!



Happy New Year!

*Bette and Rich*

