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Happy New Year!

Hello dear ones! Greetings from the WA Smiths! Steve and I are welcoming the New Year 'grand dog sitting' while Jeremy, Jeni and kids are enjoying friends in Mexico! We so hope you've had a good year! I've included some pictures of our year. And yes...that's mom and me on the great wall of China!! God was so good and protected us as we made this amazing trip with Carey. We were able to attend church right next door to mom's home, and meet friends that mom hadn't seen in 65 years! To hear these dear Christians tell of their hardships over the years would bring you to tears. And yet they were gloriously praising their Lord for His abundant love and mercies. It was awesome. Mom was a guest speaker to 40-50 university students. She spoke completely in Mandarin of Old China! I was so proud of her! They loved her! And sadly a few months ago, mom's husband, Papa Bill, went to be with the Lord after several years of fighting Parkinson's. What a dear man he was. We so miss him. Next week we fly to Josh and Jen's in MD for Ethan's 3rd birthday! We think of you often! Love, Steve and Meilynn

