

# THE SHELTON TIMES

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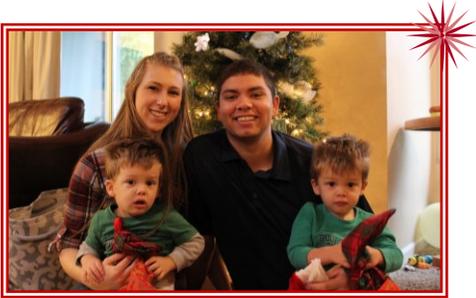
## CHRISTMAS 2018

**Mike and Melissa** have been back in Oregon (Salem) for a little over a year now! It has been so wonderful to be a part of our extended family again—been to parties, holiday get-togethers, baptisms, weddings, mission farewells, and homecomings. On Mother’s day we had both Emily and Danielle here and were able to speak to Ryan on video from his mission. We have enjoyed many quick trips to Silver Falls (our favorite place in the entire world) and to see the grandkids and Melissa’s parents in Washington.

Melissa continues to work on Family History and Mike was called as the Elders Quorum President at church in April. Mike published 6 books this year (see <http://www.MichaelSheltonBooks.com>) and continues to enjoy writing, however this next week he will begin a new financial analyst job working from home! It is really a wonderful answer to our prayers. Many experiences like these have taught us much these last few years of relying on Heavenly Father and turning our will to Him and our Savior.



**Danielle** still lives in Nashville, TN and started a new job as an Executive assistant to the owner of some Kia dealerships in the area. She really loves it, and is working hard learning new things (and loves to dress up going to work each day!) She continues to enjoy exercising, hiking, and being outdoors. Danielle even ran a 5K this year and hopes to do more next year.



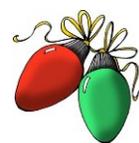
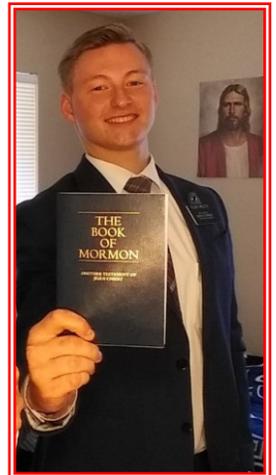
**Emily and Leif** moved into their own condo (in Federal Way, WA) a few months ago. Leif has been working for the post office and as you can imagine is very busy this time of year! Emily definitely stays busy with the twins. Carter and Colton turned two last month and continue to grow and learn new things. They are saying new words all the time and are very fun to be around. They love reading and making lots of noise! ☺ Of course “Grandpa and Grandma” have to spoil them!



Jesus Christ is referred to by many names; The Savior, Redeemer, Messiah, Holy One, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and the Light of the World. He also tells us to be a light to others. As we receive Christ into our own lives and follow His example, that light helps us to navigate through the difficulties of life. If we put Him first and out in front of us to light the way, we will find our way easier, feel more peace, and have more lasting joy. May we all take some time this season and always to remember Him—His birth, life, teaching, and atoning sacrifice for all. *Merry Christmas!*

**Ryan** continues to serve a mission for our church in the Redlands California mission. He has been in San Bernardino, Yucaipa, and Yucca Valley. Many of the places he has served in have had extended family close by that he has been able to meet and serve with. Ryan has been a zone leader for quite some time. His positive attitude, growing testimony, and ability to have fun while serving full time is a great example to all of us.

*“One of the things I have learned the most is our total dependence upon God. There are so many things in life that we just have no control over. But when we fully submit ourselves to God’s will and timing, we can have faith that everything will be alright! It may not turn out the way we expect, but he will always give us what we need.”* – Ryan on his one year mark in August.



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