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While George is in San Carlos getting Susie ready for another season on the Sea of Cortez, Janet is busy getting ready for a first Christmas away from the rest of the family – she'll join him after visiting Eva, Pat and Grant on the way to Mexico.



Our family has been doing lots of moving around this year, starting with **Janet**, who went to join George in La Paz – here she is, checking out the pricklies in the desert



The panorama above is the hook of the Isla San Francisco, one of our favorite places near La Paz. We had some wonderful sailing with the whales and the dolphins and George was delighted to have visits from the Merritt family, Don and Millie, and Liz and John. He has made lots of good friends in the cruising community. There is always someone to help out, just like here in the north. While we are there, the weather is always delightful, but there was a scary hurricane in the fall which caused quite a lot of damage. Luckily, Susie suffered no more than a very thick layer of dust. At anchor at Puerto Escondido.



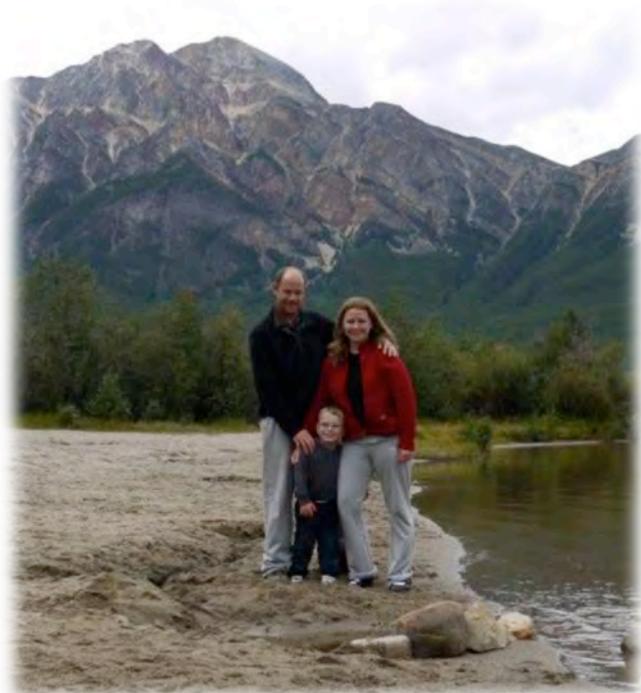


Eva, Daisy, Pat and Grant were the next to get moving! They sold their house and moved to Stony Plain, near Pat's parents, and they are really enjoying themselves. Owing to the economic crisis it took Eva a long time to get a job but now they are quite settled and already looking for a new house. Jackie went to visit in the summer and they did lots of exploring together.



Life in Alberta has turned out to be lots of fun for them. They really enjoy camping and getting out and about and now they have a reliable little car it is easy for them to get around and see the beautiful places Alberta has to offer.

Walks with Daisy, trips to the Fringe and Fort Edmonton, and lots of family time with the Chmilars.



Jackie and Corey were the next ones to get moving.

After a summer holiday with family in Springdale, Newfoundland, Corey has bought a house nearby in Rattling Brook, and Jackie is enrolled in high school. She enjoys grade seven, but is missing the indoor soccer, especially since her team won the gold medal last season!



Before they left she managed to get in some boating and fishing



and partying and sailing with friends on Yola





Andrew and Graham are holding the fort in Yellowknife, hoping that our remarkably mild winter weather will hold for Santa's visit at Christmas time.



Meanwhile, there are lots of activities like soccer and swimming to keep away the winter chills.





After another wonderful summer's sailing on Great Slave Lake, Yola is enjoying a well-deserved hibernation, and we are looking forward to sailing off into a very happy new year and we wish the same for all our family and friends.

