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## REFLECTIONS by Gilda

December 2011

This has been the quickest year ever! As I get older, I slow down and everything else speeds up. Our grandchildren are growing up so quickly. Carlie is now 6, the twins Lela and Luke are 2 and Brielynd is also 2. They all talk up a storm and the twins will even talk to me on the phone. We Skype now and then so the grandchildren won't forget us between visits. We saw Morgan, Bethany and Brielynd in July and got to keep her for a couple of days. She has been speaking very clearly and talking in sentences a long time. The airlines didn't believe she was still one and almost didn't let them fly back in August because Brielynd looked at her mommy and said, "May I have my paci (pacifier), please?" We will see her in November. Carlie is in first grade and is getting tall. She is such a beautiful child. Lela is such a sweet, gentle soul and is talking really well since she had tubes put into her ears. She come up with things her parents and not aware she knows. One day she starting counting in Spanish --- guess she got it from some TV show. Luke is nuts about Thomas the train. He runs rather than walks and is constantly kicking or throwing a ball. He bound to play some sort of sport with a ball involved. He is a real little charmer and keeps everyone entertained. Tamson did a triathlon in August --- so proud of her, don't know how she found time to train. Keith is still VP of an insurance company in Boston. Morgan works with the same company he started with after college. He has to travel quite a bit, but he and Bethany seem to handle it well. Bethany still works in her styling salon about 4 days a week and keeps herself in good shape through exercise. We are so thankful for our family and we are very proud of them. They won't be home for Christmas but the will be in our hearts, as will you, our friends.

God bless you always.....

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