

The Lowedown

An update on the life and ministry of Dave & Jennifer Lowe



A Whirlwind Family Reunion

This past Christmas marked a full 3 years since the last time our whole family has been able to celebrate Christmas together.

Fortunately, this year, schedules aligned to allow both of our sons to come home for the holidays. We were thrilled to be able to be together. We relish these moments because with our sons both being in the military and living in different parts of the country and the world, we know these opportunities aren't automatic.

We also know that when our boys get married and have families of their own, they will have other people to consider besides us when planning their holidays.

Our time all together was limited to just 5 days. It was a true whirlwind of activity.

Right after he returned home from being with us at Christmas last year, Jacob started dating a gal whom he'd met via an online dating app.

After just a few months, it was apparent that Jacob's relationship with Kellie was serious.

Jen and I had a chance to meet Kellie in August and we LOVE her. She's a very committed Christian who, just before meeting Jacob, had recently moved to the Corpus Christi area for a new job.

I tell people that Kellie is a Vet and people assume that she's a military veteran because Jacob is in the military. But no, she's a veterinarian, who had recently graduated from Vet school and started a job at a Veterinary clinic in the Corpus Christi area.

In September, Jacob moved to Milton, Florida to start the next phase of his flight training. It was his third move in just over a year and it was clear that this move was going to be more difficult.

So just before Christmas, we all planned to be together for the holidays.

Jen rented an AirBnB for a few days in Monterey, California. Jacob arrived late on the 19th while Kellie arrived early the next day.

I should say that as a Veterinarian, Kellie's favorite animal is the otter. When she visited California for the first time in her life back in August, she was here for just a week. Jacob

and Kellie had entertained the idea of going to Monterey so she could see the otters at the Monterey Bay Aquarium but that would've taken a lot of travel time and severely limited the other things they wanted to do on their visit. So they crossed that idea off their agenda.

Now they were visiting Monterey and doing the things they had wanted to do the last time they were in the state.

Jen and I waited for Joshua to fly into Orange County late on the 20th before driving up to Monterey on the 21st.

On the 22nd, Jacob had planned to pop the question, and he asked me (Dave) to take photos of the occasion (no pressure).

We scouted out the location early in the day and found a good spot for Jacob to pop the question. I found a place to conspicuously take photos from a distance. Later that day, while walking with Kellie on a scenic hike in Carmel, Jacob executed his plan, dropping to his

knee and asking Kellie to marry him.

She said YES.

What is amazing about this whole episode is that for days before-hand, we saw that the forecast kept showing rain, rain, rain. We fully expected that this proposal would happen in the rain.

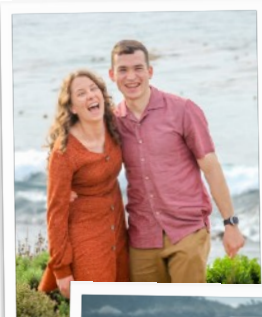
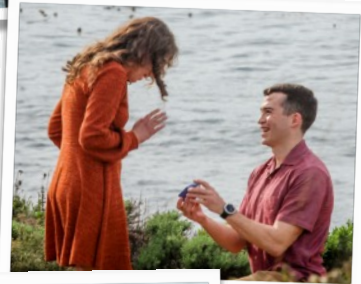
But on that day, not only did it NOT rain, but the sun actually came out, which, if you know anything about the weather in Monterey, is pretty much unheard of that time of year. The weather was amazing, a true gift from God.

Jacob and Kellie are planning for a late May wedding in Alabama. We are thrilled to have Kellie as the newest member of

our family.

We are grateful for the Lord's provision of a godly woman for Jacob to marry. Please pray for us as we now enter the craziness of wedding planning and preparation!

Love,
Dave & Jen



Our time all together was limited to just 5 days. It was a true whirlwind of activity.