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Hi, my name is Brenda and I'm addicted to...oh, wait...that's another biography!

I was born in So. California but consider Miami, FL home (hence my addiction to old Jimmy Buffet cd's). I attended Christian School and graduated in 1980. After a couple of false starts, I ended up attending Covenant College (on Lookout Mountain) where I met my husband, Dan. I was an education major and did several internships in the local schools. I swore to myself that *my* children would *never* attend those schools. Of course, I had no idea we'd end up settling here. So, when our oldest, Danielle, was ready for school, we were faced with a dilemma. I was not about to send her to public school, but Dan's piano tuning business was barely putting food on the table, so Christian school was out of the question. That left *gasp* homeschooling. After 7 years of "wandering in the wilderness," trying to pull the perfect curriculum together on my own, I found Sonlight, and I've never looked back.

Dan and I have enjoyed raising our kids here on the mountain. Dan is a piano tuner by day and reader of Read-Alouds by night. Besides my homeschooling and work as an SCC/SCA, I am also a workout fanatic, addicted to various forums, and totally in love with my Golden Retriever puppy, Wilson. We are active in our local PCA church.

The kids...Danielle (also know as Danye) is 22, married to David, works at a day spa, and is trying hard to make me a grandma. She can't wait to be a Sonlight mom herself. They live in a log cabin here on the mountain, about 9 miles away.

Ben, 19, is, well, Ben. Although he's brilliant, he's decided to wait on college until he figures out what he wants to do with his life. In the mean time, he's learning plumbing, volunteers on the Cave and Cliff Rescue Team as well as our local Fire Department. He's also the caretaker for a land trust not far from here, taking care of 450 acres of forest land. Sleep is optional for him. Mike is 18. He is doing his senior year (a modified Core 400) and working full time in construction. He's an artist who takes the most amazing photos. I'm not sure what God has in store for Mike, but I'm looking forward to seeing what direction he ends up going. Katie is 12, going on 21. Her goal is to go to the Air Force Academy and eventually end up in aeronautical engineering. Her grasp of physics amazes me! She also loves animals and hanging out on the Sonlight Forums. Peter is 9. We've taken a more laid-back approach in his schooling, but he's approaching grade level now in both reading and math. He loves history (esp. World War II) and being read aloud to (hmmm...sound like a Sonlight kid?).

