



# Merry Christmas



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*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, ... one generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts... They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*



*Psalm 145:3-7*

Merry Christmas friends and family. We hope you are all enjoying a warm and joyous Christmas season.

The warm part is particularly precious to those of us in the Seattle area as we were hit by one of those record-setting wind storms last week and had the pleasure of returning to our pioneering roots for 3 days without power. I thank God for the huge blessing of being born in the age of electricity! It was below freezing a couple of those days and I found myself thinking frequently of those who lived like that every day. I am such a wimp!!! I was ready to throw the family in the van and drive south until we found lights.

This has been an amazing year and Andrew and I have frequently found ourselves amazed by the blessings that have surrounded us. Here are some quick updates.

Matthew, our resident superhero, is enjoying his last year of preschool and has become fascinated with weapons and fighting of all kinds. I have tried to hold it off as long as I could, refusing to purchase guns or allow him to watch



violent TV programs. I decided my work was all in vain when I found he had successfully used his rock collection and belt to create a makeshift sling shot like he had heard of David using on Goliath in the Bible. When I walked in the belt was already circling above Matthew's head and as the rock came loose and sailed across my living room I decided it was time to give up. Squirt guns are much safer and apparently I was going to have to ban Bible stories if I wanted to hold it off any longer! Lesson learned: boys will be boys.

Isaiah who turned one last week watches his brother carefully and will no doubt be double-trouble soon though he has been the easiest baby known to man. He is currently working on expanding his vocabulary. While he doesn't say "mama" or "dada" consistently he has words for shoe, duck, food, cheese, dog, down, night-night, and hi in steady use. "Shoe" is one of his favorites and he has a bit of an obsession with them. This may have to do with the fact that the basket filled with the family's shoes is just out of reach on the other side of the baby gate and everyone knows "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence" and "absence makes the heart grow fonder." When he is in one of his rare grumpy moods a few minutes with the shoes followed by a good hand washing is just



what the doctor ordered. Andrew and I, aside from enjoying the adventures of parenting have both had recent career changes. Andrew is at his first day of work at Microsoft as a Lead Program Manager in the Windows Live group today (Dec 18). It was a tough decision to leave Medtronic after 10 years but Andrew really looks forward to the change working at Microsoft will provide. We could see God's hand so clearly in the path to this new job that we know He has something for Andrew there. In addition to full-time mommy work, I continue to work one day a week at Pediatric Associates and now also work a few hours a week as a consulting nurse from home.

So that is a little peek into our year. We would love to hear updates from you all too! Please email or call us anytime. God bless you all and have a very Merry Christmas.

With Love in Christ,

*Andrew, Amber,  
Matthew and Isaiah*