



Seasons greetings,

2007



We hope everyone is finding a chance to take time out from the busy times around us and enjoy the holidays. Here's a quick update to our life in 2007.

We are happy to report the health of the Smith's was good this year (even Janet!). No ER or hospital visits all year long! We are both enjoying and playing soccer on Friday nights and spending time working in the yard when we can. We even biked some and got out in the kayaks this year!

Work took Janet to Japan this summer for two weeks with a group of teachers. In August Janet tagged along with Dan during his business trip to San Francisco. The steep streets left quite an impression on Janet. In November, we traveled to Ireland for vacation. In the short trip, we stayed in a castle where we ended up with the most amazing room either of us have ever stayed in. Dan regrets where we stayed the next night as Janet got a taste of the "good life" at an unbelievable B&B where we had our own wing. We decided it would be a great to have your own wing, though we just haven't figured out how to make the millions it would take (he built the wing for his son). Dan thinks it would be cheaper for us just to go visit "our wing" every so often. In December Dan traveled to Brazil for another business trip, Janet opted to stay home this time.

We jumped through the hurdles for adopting domestically and tried to keep a positive attitude during the fire inspection, finger printing, background checks, safety checks and all the other things as we checked off the list of requirements. Now we are in the waiting stage hoping to get matched with a birth mother at some point. When? - we have no clue. As we continue on this rollercoaster of a journey, we ask for your continued thoughts and prayers.

Stop by and see us when you have time. If it is spring, summer or fall, please get some perennials—we always have plenty to share.

Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy new year in 2008!

Dan & Janet



A few highlights from 2007...



Before we shoveled...



At the beach in San Francisco



At Highbanks Park

Our travels in Ireland -



The mansion with Janet's wing



Our room in the castle



At the Cliffs of Mohr

