

Seasons greetings,

2008



We hope you can find 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 2008.



On the adoption front, we spent the first few months of the year waiting for news of a chance to meet a birth mother, etc. (Janet – not so patiently). Then we got the unexpected call on May 3 at 5:00 p.m. and traveled to the Univ. of Cincinnati Hospital to meet Nicholas by 8:00 p.m. The three of us headed back to Columbus the next day and it has been a whirlwind adventure ever since. Nicholas is great and he is showing his personality more and more each week. He loves to laugh and interact with people. He's been to almost every Friday night soccer game (Dan and Janet both play on a co-ed team) since he's been with us and he is fascinated with all of the movement, action and people. We are truly blessed by everyone's thoughts and prayers before he came and all of the support since he joined our family.

Janet stayed home and worked part time for the first five months so that Nicholas didn't have to start daycare until Oct. 1. The place is just down the street from Dan's work and he likes to play with the other kids and the teachers. At the finalization on November 18, the judge asked Nicholas if he had any objections and he didn't seem to have any at all. He is



With the judge after the finalization



usually very vocal and even made his presence known at his baptism on November 23 as the minister was blessing the water.

As for Dan and Janet, our lives abruptly changed, all of the better. Nicholas has taken over all the rooms in the house but we are adjusting. This December we all ventured south to enjoy a week at Hilton Head, SC and Nicholas was able to dip his toes in the ocean. We were able to take advantage of the time away to just relax, enjoy the beach, fly kites and take walks.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year in 2009!



Father and son dip their toes in the Atlantic



On the beach at Hilton Head



Sleeping through his visit with Santa

*Dan, Janet & Nicholas*