



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 2009.

As with everyone, this year has been a busy one for the Smiths. Our "Story of Nicholas" continues in 2009 as he is showing his personality, stubborn streak and great sense of humor. He is often telling himself jokes (we assume that's what the babbling is) and laughing about it. He loves anything that spins and rattles and always tries to figure out how things work. As a typical boy, he loves to watch everyone mow their lawn and even tries to push the lawn mower in the garage when it is just sitting there.



After a winter full of ear infections, he had ear surgery this May to insert tubes and remove his adenoids. No more ear infections and his sense of balance improved almost overnight. He is walking and keeping us busy trying to keep up with him. He has started to say a few words but seems to understand quite a bit (more than we realize we're sure). His first words after "dada" and "mama" were "all done" which has come in handy to know when he is finished but also to tell him we are done with something (works sometimes).



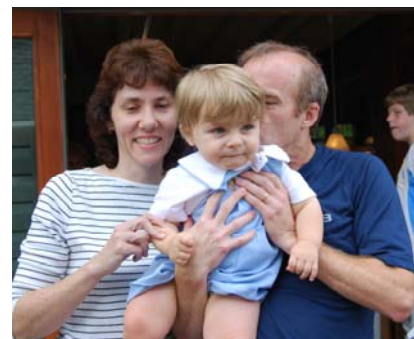
We loved the country and yard where we lived in Ostrander but realized that there were very few kids and even fewer babysitters. We found a house back in Columbus within walking distance of the elementary and middle school with plenty of kids his age so we moved this spring. Dan's sister and family live just down the street so Nicholas will have some family in the area as well. We take walks most nights and have gotten to know the neighbors very quickly. Stop by and see our new place when you get a chance.



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Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year in 2010!



Father and son catch up on email.



Dan, Janet & Nicholas



As Nicholas would say, "All Done"

