

Christmas 2012

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas! May the joy of Christmas fill this season and throughout the coming year. We have certainly had more than our fair share of joy this past year.

Daniel is very proud to be six years old. He loves to ask questions, especially about heaven: Why is heaven up? Will I be a baby in heaven? Does somebody in heaven feed our guinea pig (who died last winter)? In August we visited Joe at Dartmouth for Parents' Weekend, and the frats had a little carnival. Daniel won a goldfish at one of the booths and proudly carried the plastic bag with his goldfish all day. By morning it had of course died, so when we returned home we bought him a fish. Later that day Daniel took the fish out of the bowl and was trying to pet it. He could not understand why he could not pet his new pet. So we ended up getting two guinea pigs as pets, which he adores.



David is a big eight years old. He still loves sports; if we want him to do his math drill, we simply make it a competition against his dad, and he will work hard to win. David was thrilled to see his first Phillies game, and he loved boogie-boarding at the Shore.

Andy is a senior, applying to colleges. He continues to love theatre; in the spring he played the High Lord Underling in the high school musical *Wiz*, and this fall he played the Baron in *Amadeus*. Andy will be Touchstone in *As You Like it* in the



ShakesPEER production this coming spring (we are proud that this group started by Melanie five years ago is still going).

Joe is a very busy junior engineering student at Dartmouth. He is now considering solar energy engineering. Melanie decided to work towards an RN degree. Amy is in third year graduate school at University of Georgia studying trypanosomes (a parasite that causes African sleeping sickness).

Peggy is unbelievably busy fostering 20 month old twin girls for the past year, Mariah and Sahari. Bob is enjoying teaching the freshman Augustine and Culture Seminar, and co-teaching the high school Sunday School class. Bob's parents are getting older



but their health has held relatively steady this year. We enjoyed time with relatives at the June wedding of Peggy's nephew Tim.

May God grant you joy this coming year.
Love, the Styer family

