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SIMONSEN NEWS GAZETTE

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Dear Friends and Family,

I am almost setting a record – I am actively putting our letter together and maybe it will get out before the new year.

2008 has been a year of much activity for both Pat and me. Many of these activities we will be continuing on into the new year.

But enough on that for now. Let me focus a little on our family. Matt, Amy, Maddy, Nate, and Katie began the year in San Diego with regular trips to Jackson visiting and keeping this their home. We were able to spend some week ends in San Diego with them and had great times at the famous zoo, the ocean, and a trip to Old San Diego. Maddy is in 2nd grade, Nate is progressing in Kindergarten and Katie is looking over Nate's shoulder a lot. As of Dec 13th, they are back in Jackson for good. It will be fun to have them around more. This last week end we had all three of them for an overnight.

Rebecca & Paul began the year in Boston, and received his new orders moving them to Ft. Meade, Md. They moved in August and now live in an apartment at Annapolis on the Navel Academy campus. They are very happy there with the local community being very friendly. Pat was able to visit both Boston and Annapolis this year, and we both visited them

over Thanksgiving. Paul is a Captain (AirForce) looking forward to Major shortly. Rebecca is ramping up her ebay sales company called: "E Classic Funk". Rebecca has also continued to sell photographic prints through Paul's parent's store in New Jersey and enjoys trips to the city to work with them in their frame shop.

Pat has continued to manage two health clinics for the local hospital. As they have grown considerably, she is counting the days until they hire another manager for one of them. Music continues to be Pat's primary after hours activity. In the community band, Pat continues to play the clarinet. This year they have had concerts at Golden Gate Park, and more recently in the ball room of the local resort. Pat has been regularly filling in for the primary pianists at church. Getting to be a holiday tradition, Pat also joined the Christmas Choral group (Carl runs the sound board for this).

I (Carl) have had my first full year in a ministry role which has been very diverse. I have had the opportunity to support 5 pastors including pulpit supply, teaching, and encouragement. I have also had opportunities to work with kids doing crafts at VBS, and at church youth programs. My other regular activities include tutoring math on Monday, and working in Awana on Friday afternoons. We initiated an advisory board for my ministry this year, and I am so grateful for these 3 Christian couples helping to hold me accountable and directed. I have continued to travel to Portland for multiple events at Western Seminary and I was able to attend a conference in Providence RI prior to visiting Rebecca for Thanksgiving.

If you plan on being in the Sacramento area, PLEASE give us a call. We love to have company. We pray that each of you will have a blessed new year.

*All our love,
Carl & Pat*



Katie



Katie & Maddy



Nate

Simonsen Gallery 2009



Katie, Nate, Maddy



Matt & Amy March, 08



Katie, Nate, Maddy

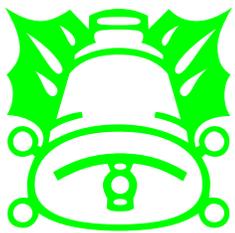


Carl, Pat, Joyce, Marshall

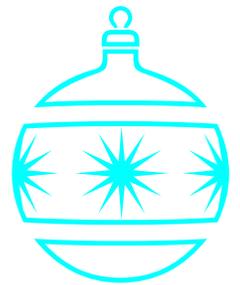
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Anniversary
celebration
week-end
at Tobin
James
Sep 08



Pat, Toni, Mom Jun 08



Paul,
Carl,
Pat,
Becca
Annapolis



Paul, Becca Nov 2008



Pat, Carl New York

