

EUROPE PICTS



With the Bryants in Albertville, FR



Château de Lichécourt, 6th Anniv.



Neuschwanstein Castle, Austria



"Love & Psyche," Canova, Lourve

HANLYS' 2003 @ A GLANCE

- Jan** -New! Derwood Bible Church
-Jenn & Mical *March For Life*
-Matt Ostrander visits
- Feb** -Eric at Vail GI surgery course
-Lunch w/ Hendersons in Denver
-Kardoes visit us in Colorado
- Mar** -Eric at Breck surg ski course
-Don Jr visits us at condo
-Eric attends SAGES in L.A.
-CASLR in VA w/ Doug Coe
- Apr** -Fam to San Antonio for SAFCS
-April French visits at Easter
-ATA Orlando Disney/Sea Wrld
- May** -Depart for Strasbourg, France
-Luxembourg/Germany/England
-Albertville to visit Bryants
- June** -Eric's parents visit in France
-Anniv @ *Château de Lichécourt*
-Belgium to visit DuMonds
- July** -Helms visit and travel with us
-Vienna/Budapest/Salzburg/Paris
-Jenn in hospital @ Landstuhl
-Murdocks watch Mical
- Aug** -Jenn delivers Micah in USA
-Susan visits, helps w/ newborn
- Sept** -Jenn celebrates 30th birthday!
- Oct** -Don Sr visits
-Eric in NYC w/ dad at the Met
-Don Jr & Carrie Medders visit
-Susan & Bill visit
- Nov** -Eric & Kevin, mission to India
-Sheri & Emmy visit Jenn
- Dec** -Eric has LASIK at Walter Reed
-Midnight opening of LOTR 3
-Trinity & Kevin visit
-Hanlys buy a house!



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Mical on Easter Sunday

2003 HANLY CHRISTMAS LETTER

Merry Christmas Friends & Family!

We pray that you are able to approach the celebration of the birth of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ with thanksgiving. While our family has dealt with a fair bit of ill health this year (hospitalization x2 for Jenn, surgery for Eric's father Brian and sister Trinity, and the death of Jenn's Aunt Jill), we are still able to reflect on 2003 with appreciation to God for all he has done in our family's life this year. The biggest 4 events this year have been (in chronological order):

- 1. Spending three months living in Strasbourg, France.**
- 2. The birth of Micah Josef Hanly born 1 August 2003 (5 lbs 9 oz, & 19 ½ inches).**
- 3. Jenn's 30th birthday!**
- 4. The purchase of our 1st home in a north Baltimore suburb.**



Eric, Jennifer, Mical, & Micah

JENNIFER



Jennifer in "March For Life"

Jenn has spent a good portion of this year suffering for the sake of the children. She began 2003 with morning sickness, spent our last week in Europe at Landstuhl (a US Military hospital in Germany) 33-weeks pregnant with pyelonephritis, delivered Micah back in the States, and has since been nursing him every 3-4 hours (during the day).

Being the driving addict that she is, Jenn spent 3 days in January and 3 days in March shuttling father-in-law Brian's truck back and forth from DC to Colorado.

Jenn continues to be active at church where she served this year in the infant nursery and as a prayer warrior on the Derwood Bible Church "prayer chain."

Jenn still enjoys periodic visits with Janna Floyd to get parenting ideas. She also enjoyed hosting a number of family members at home this year. Jenn's mom (known to Mical as "Mimi Susan") came to help with newborn Micah in August. In October, "Grandpa Don" came to meet the little man, followed by "Uncle Don" & Carrie Medders, and "Mimi Susan" & "Papa Bill." In November, "Aunt Sheri" & "Cousin Emmy" came to keep Jenn and the kids company while Eric was in India.

ERIC

Eric still has the best job in the Air Force. He continues to enjoy conducting minimally invasive and robotic surgery research, traveling to meetings to present his results, and then writing about his findings. Eric took the family to Strasbourg, France for 3 months where he worked with Professor Jacques Marescaux—the first and only surgeon to have successfully performed a transoceanic telerobotic surgical operation. Eric was happy to accept a position as a 2nd-year surgery resident at Johns Hopkins beginning in July 2005 after he completes his military obligation.

In October, Eric enjoyed a weekend in New York City with his Dad. They took the train, stayed in the historic Empire Hotel, and spent two evenings at the Met enjoying Richard Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*, and Igor Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps*, *Le Rossignol*, & *Oedipus Rex*.

Eric still has fun leading the neighborhood Bible study that Jenn hosts each Monday evening in our home.

In November, Eric was blessed to lead a 22-person team from his church on a medical, public health, evangelism, education, and building mission trip to Hyderabad, India.



Eric dedicates a well in India

MICAL



Mical w/ the Helms in Budapest

Mical had a great time in Strasbourg. She enjoyed going to the pool with Mommy, riding the carousel near *Place Kleber*, chasing the "duckies!" in *le Parc de l'Orangerie*, feeding popcorn to the monkeys at *Montagne des Singes*, and eating bread and cheese ("no stinky cheese, Mommy!"). Even the French loved our little American sweetheart—our maid greeted Mical each morning with "Oo la la, mon chéri!" Mical even picked up a few French words. As you might expect from a 2-year-old, her favorite is "Pourquoi?"

Overall, 2003 has been a year of transitions for Mical. Before leaving for Europe, Daddy assembled bunk beds, and Mical began sleeping in her "big bed" to prepare the crib for the arrival of baby brother. Mical also graduated from the *Butterflies* to the *Honeybees* at Sunday school, and was potty-trained! But most of all, she has transitioned from "Daddy's little baby" to "Daddy's little lady."

Mical enjoys a number of activities, but her favorites are:

- Reading books w/ Mom & Dad
- *Kindermusik* with "Mimi"
- Sesame Street (especially Elmo)
- Playing with *Little Mermaid* toys
- Cuddling "Baby Micah"

MICAH

The newest addition to our family is Micah Josef Hanly. After traipsing around Europe in Mommy's belly for three months, Micah was ready to get out, and was born 4 weeks early. Trinity was present with Eric for the birth while "Mimi" watched Mical at home and "Papa" recovered from surgery at Johns Hopkins (poor Papa—he's fine now). Micah was appropriately small at birth, but has grown at record speed—a feat that his sister has rewarded by nicknaming him "Chunky Monkey."

Micah is an exceptionally good baby. He has been sleeping through the night in the same room as his big sister since 8 weeks of age, and he is extremely laidback. His favorite activities include:

- Nursing
- Bathing
- Rolling over
- Smiling
- Laughing

Micah absolutely loves playing with his big sister, and he is remarkably tolerant of her not-always-delicate kisses, hugs, and tickles. Micah and Mical are definitely becoming the best of friends. Finally, this Christmas Micah won the part of baby Jesus in our church's Christmas skits!



Micah (2 days old) w/ Mom & Dad