

VACATION PICTS



On Longfellow Bridge, Boston, MA



Autumn Vacation, New Hampshire



With Jenn's Family in Atlanta, GA



Alex, Joe, & Eric on top of A-basin



New Neighborhood Small Group



Thanksgiving at Hanlys' new home

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2004 HANLY CHRISTMAS LETTER



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. — Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas Friends & Family!

As we all approach a very busy holiday season, it is our prayer that you & your families will have time to reflect on what Christmas really is— a birthday party celebrated worldwide in honor of Jesus of Nazereth!



Jennifer, Micah, Mical, & Eric

HANLYS' 2004 @ A GLANCE

- Jan** -Baltimore Symphony Concert
- Feb** -Super Bowl XXXVIII Party
-Eric at SUSurgeons, St Louis
-Disney on Ice, Washington, DC
-Colorado w/ Brian, Tysers visit
- Mar** -Eric at O.R. 2020, Turf Valley, MD
-Eric at SAGESurgeons, Denver, CO
- Apr** -SAFCSurgeons, San Francisco, CA
-Gulfshores, MS w/ Matt & Kandi H.
-Eric plays soldier in the woods
- May** -Eric at ATA (Telemed.), Tampa, FL
-RAFT Trip (Eric's 30th Birthday Gift)
-Don Sr. visits and stains deck w/ Jenn
-Camping w/ Floyds & Peytons, PA
- June** -Vacation in Atlanta with Jenn's Fam
-Eric has LASIK surgery (20/15!)
-Eric at U Cincinnati for Telesurgery
-Family camping at Pequea Creek, PA
-Orioles v. Yankees game with church
-Eric rafts Shenandoah with fam & lab
- July** -Mical's 3rd Birthday: "I'm fwee!"
-Jenn helps Kandi w/ baby in Mississi.
- Aug** -Micah's 1st Birthday
-Bethany Beach w/ Brian/Jeri/Kevin
-Summit Leadership Conf. w/ Kevin
-Legg Mason Tennis: Agassi, Hewitt
-Camping w/ Baretto's, Harper's Ferry
- Sept** -Eric at Robotics Conf, Marina delRey
-Eric Kyrgyzstan, Jenn buys minivan!
- Oct** -New England 7th Annivers. Vacation
-Eric at Leaderpalooza 2: Ken Gire
-Halloween Floyds, Duck/ SpiderMan
-Eric visits Robot Co., San Jose, CA
- Nov** -Eric at AASurgery, Houston, TX
-Baltimore Opera (I Puritani)
-Thanksgiving w/ Eric's Fam & Lab
-Fam helps at Helping Up Mission
- Dec** -Jenn, Spiritual Retreat at Loyola
-Balt. Tennis: Davenport v. Sharapova
-Christmas at Home in Hunt Valley

ERIC



30th Birthday RAFT Trip, Utah

The “fun” highlight of Eric’s year was a surprise 30th birthday gift from Jennifer: the chance to lead a group of nine friends on a week-long raft trip/ spiritual retreat through Desolation and Gray canyons on the Green River in Utah. The group chartered small planes to reach the remote desert put-in where rafting & camping equipment (including 2 guitars) awaited them at the bottom of a canyon hike. The group focused devotional time on worship, rest, and spiritual renovation.

Eric is enjoying his final year in the Air Force as a Surgery GMO Research Fellow with the military and Johns Hopkins. He continues to have fun writing grants, conducting experiments, presenting findings at meetings around the country, and then publishing results in minimally invasive surgery, surgical robotics, and telesurgery scientific journals that are read by a handful of other high tech surgery geeks.

God continues to provide many opportunities for Eric to serve: housechurch leader, missions task force director, Kyrgyzstan prayer/ planning mission trip, HoA treasurer.

In a service of both celebration and mourning, family remembered his 89 year-old grandmother’s life and death at her funeral in Indiana.

JENNIFER

Jenn started the year traipsing around our new neighborhood with the family passing out freshly baked cookies and inviting neighbors to a new “housechurch” (Bible Study+) at our new home. We have enjoyed fellowshiping with our new friends in Hunt Valley—studying *The Purpose Driven Life* and *Renovation of the Heart*. Jenn and the kids have also joined a monthly neighborhood play group, and Jenn is participating in a women’s group called “The Ministry of Motherhood.”

Travel was plentiful again this year for Jenn and the family—a week in San Francisco and a week on the beach with Matt & Kandi Helms in Gulf Shores, AL. After weaning Micah in July, Jenn left Eric at home with the kids to spend a week in Gulfport, MS, helping Kandi with her new baby girl, Mary Christine. Finally, Eric & Jenn celebrated their 7th-year wedding anniversary with the autumn colors at the Rosewood Country Inn in New Hampshire.

Unfortunately, Jenn’s family suffered loss this year as well—she lost 2 uncles and a grandfather.

But the biggest news of all for Jenn this year is the new little blessing that God has placed in her womb. She is due May 8th 2005 (which probably means mid-April!).



New Baby Hanly, 13 weeks

MICAL



At Dance Class



With Daddy

Mical continues to grow into a lovely little girl (“No, I’m BIG!”). She loves the new house where she and her brother share a bedroom—Mical sleeps on the bottom level of a set of bunk beds (where the bordering walls are covered with princess cut-outs) and Micah sleeps in his crib. They love sleeping in the same room and always enjoy a few minutes of pre-sleep silliness, talking and squawking to each other.

Since they share a bedroom for sleeping, the third upstairs bedroom has been dedicated Mical & Micah’s “toy room.” Mical loves her “book nook” in the corner of the room where she “reads” her books while sitting on her inflatable pink “princess chair.” She loves playing with her My Little Ponies (“Mommy Pony,” “Daddy Pony,” and “Baby Pony”), but her favorite toy for the year was definitely “Baby Wamie” (a Beanie Baby lamb that Daddy got for her as a present on one of his trips).

Mical’s creativity is definitely blossoming—she loves putting her baby farm animals to bed (“Shh, Mommy, Baby Wamie is sleeping!”), “ice skating” on the hardwood floors, making crafts at her “baby table” in the kitchen, and going to her Sat. morning dance class w/ “Mimi Jeri.”

MICAH

If Mical is our archetypal proper little talking princess, Micah is definitely our little grunting rough-and-tumble cowboy! Micah became physically active very quickly—transitioning from rolling to crawling to cruising to walking to climbing/ descending stairs and running in less than six months.

He is very affectionate—he loves to hug, kiss, tickle, tackle—anything that involves physical contact! And what a fearless little monkey he is too—loves to dive head-first off of things, and, at 13 months, during Jenn’s guest bathroom redecorating project, mommy found little Micah perched on the top wrung of a 5-step painting ladder squawking at the top of his “Baby Pterodactyl” voice, as if to say “Hey Mom, look at me!”

In addition to “Pterodactyl,” his nicknames for the year have included “MJ,” “Little Brother Bear,” “Micah Mikes,” “Little Buddy,” “Squawk-a-bur,” and “Monster Boy.”

Micah is definitely an explorer and a deconstructionist—he loves to ride his little push bike, climb into cupboards and closets, take lids on and off, take apart toys, etc.

Micah looks just like “Papa Brian,” but Mical is truly his best friend—the only problem: Micah cries when Mical is not around!



At Harper’s Ferry



1st Birthday