

Merry Christmas!



From,
The Peterson Family



Hello and Merry Christmas to all

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We've decided to do our Christmas letter a little differently this year. Matt wanted to write part of it too. So, here is my part. We have been blessed so much this past year it is incredible. We have a beautiful new home and we also were able to get a mini van which makes my life a little easier. Matt continues to work at his great job and I love being a mother. The boys enjoy their room with Pooh Bear and love being two! We also have one new addition on the way. A precious new baby will be born in June. We are extremely excited to try just ONE baby this time.

We moved into a great ward and met some great friends. We started a tradition on Sunday evenings to have someone from the ward come over for dessert. We get to know people a little better this way. It is so fun to have a home that has room for company. Matt is busy with his calling as 2nd counselor in the Elders' Quorum. I am the Relief Society pianist, and now I have an additional calling as ward preparation specialist. This means WE have to be prepared too and has helped me to get on the ball with food storage and other preparedness items.

The boys are talking more and more and growing too. Their personalities are also blooming. They are very good at tattle-telling and telling each other "no". They will play for hours in their room at nap time until I finally go in and lay down with them. Their new adventure is stuffing all of their pillows and stuffed animals into their closet so they can play with them inside the closet. They love to be a little scared. Their favorite book is "The Spooky Old Tree". One of their favorite parts of the day is when Matt comes home. They run to him and romp around with him for awhile. And now here is Matt's part of the letter.

Howdy everyone! This would have been our first Christmas in our new home but... we are going on a cruise instead! Yep, that's right! We'll be on the ocean the week of Christmas with my family. My parents are paying for it so we're not complaining!

As you might have noticed, I also mentioned that we have a new home in Peoria, Arizona. We've been here for over 3 months now and we love it. Both Alicia and I hate to move so we decided to just buy our "forever" home. During the first two weeks, I painted a Pooh Bear scene on the boy's bedroom wall (my very first time painting) and Alicia painted the rest of the house. She did such a good job. You can go to our website to see more of our house and some pictures of our family at: www.MattsFamily.com

I just love working at Barrett-Eastman. During this year I finished their website (www.BEhomes.com), wrote several large programs (including one for a PDA - Pocket PC), moved the whole company to Windows 2000, transferred our databases to SQL, and networked all of our computers together. Fun stuff, huh? And they pay me to do it!

Well, our boys have gotten so big. They are so wonderful. David and Dean just love animals. Their favorite TV shows, books, etc are all about animals. Even their first "words" were animal sounds. They love tigers especially and they love to roar. They love to play and fight. They are so thoughtful though. They say "thank you" all by themselves and they are very concerned about the other one. If one of them gets a piece of candy, they really want the other one to have some as well. Alicia has taught them well.

We hope that this year has found all of you with equal happiness and wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank our Heavenly Father each day for abundantly blessing us and especially thank Him for the blessing of safety and the security of the gospel in this troubled year.

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