



Hello and Merry Christmas to All!!

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We have had a busy and wonderful year this year. We hope all of you have been blessed as we have. Our most exciting new news right now is that we are expecting another addition to our family. Alicia is pregnant with the 4th boy. He is due June 11, almost exactly when Trent was due 2 years ago. Trent came a month early and Alicia is thinking this baby will probably come early too. We are a little disappointed it's not a girl, but not really surprised. We were all hoping for a girl. David tells us that his sisters are coming soon. For Thanksgiving Dean said he was thankful for the baby girl in Mommy's belly. Maybe they are thinking of the next baby! Who knows! Everyone, including Trent, talks to the baby through Alicia's belly so we're sure the baby feels loved.



Matt finished writing his book in July. It is called Parallel Worlds. Many people have read it and so far most of them have loved it. It is a good combination of science fiction, fantasy, adventure and a little romance. Right now he is in the editing process. This next stage will take a long time to fine tune the book and get an agent to try to publish it. We are all very proud of him. He also developed a website for his book: [www.paraworlds.com](http://www.paraworlds.com) Besides his book he's been working hard at work at Barrett Eastman. In his free time he's learned a lot about video editing and he's actually read some books this year (he hasn't read a book for 10 years). In church he is in charge of all the home teaching and stays quite busy with that. Since they got a new Elders' Quorum president they've had 100% each month. Matt's also excited to see the Lord of the Rings trilogy at the theater: "12 hours of pure medieval bliss."

Alicia has toned down on all the projects this year, although, she's managed to make a puppet theater and help her dad to build a play house for the boys. She's itching to find out what the gender of the baby is to see if she can add some pink to the walls. The first trimester of the pregnancy has really taken all the energy out of her, but she's eternally grateful that she has not been nauseated. She is starting to feel better each day. She stays very busy as Relief Society President in our ward, but has thoroughly enjoyed being able to love and care for the women in the ward. Of course being the mother of 3 boys keeps her on her toes too. Next year she'll be directing another choir for a stake musical presentation.

David has grown a lot this year. He is about 1/2 inch taller than Dean. He was Darth Vader for Halloween this year and cannot get enough of Star Wars. He especially likes the "choking" scenes. They pretend they have their own light sabers and of course, boys will be boys! He had his first scripture and prayer in primary and he did a great job. He also did an excellent part in the Primary program. Mommy was crying buckets to see her 2 little boys up there for the first time.

Dean is our leader of the pack. He often is the one with the idea on what to play next. He was Spider Man for Halloween and was so excited to "shoot" web all over. He also loves the Star Wars saga. They are looking forward to the movie when Anny turns into Darth Vader. Dean said his first talk in primary and do so well. He even memorized part of it. He was very excited to do his part in the Primary program as well. They both are growing up so much. They've been a great help to Mommy in all areas. David and Dean are both in Joy School this year. They love going to school and learning and we've been told they are the best behaved. They also love playing with friends and often ask Mommy if they can have a "visitor" come and play.

Trent is our "destructo-man". He is a new and unique personality. We are all learning how to live with him. His favorite word right now is "No". He says it to everything. Before we give you the wrong impression, though, he is a very loving and sweet boy. He loves to give kisses and to play with his brothers. He follows them everywhere. He is starting to say more words every day, but more than words, he talks through tones. He will say "ok" and "let me in" purely through humming or grunting the correct tone of the word. It is hard to explain, but it's actually very easy for us to understand. It's fun to see him learn. He loves to go in the backyard and play and eat our berries off of the bushes. We're sure he's had most of them before we even know about them.

Well, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May we all remember our Savior as we go throughout our lives. He is the reason there is so much joy in this season. Thank you all for your love and support. We'd love to hear from all of you!

Love,  
Matt, Alicia, David, Dean, Trent and Baby Boy

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