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Season's Greetings from the Fedje Family

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We love this time of year when friends and family gather to celebrate the birth of Christ and all that is good in the world. We look forward to hearing from all of you and hope you enjoy the Fedje family's year in review.

OUR THREE SONS

Kristofer turned 4 in March and is in his second year of preschool. He tried tee ball for the first time in the spring and soccer in the fall. His focus was comical on the baseball field but he appeared to be strong in soccer. Kristofer is willing to try almost anything his older brothers do, and is eager to join cub scouts in a couple years. He is a very social boy and makes friends quickly.



Kylan played for the Dodgers this Fall

Kylan is now in the second grade and is doing very well in school. His teacher this year has a different teaching philosophy which has worked well with Kylan. He played recreational basketball at church in the winter, and moved up to rookie baseball in the spring. Brian coached his baseball team. They ended the season with a few wins after a slow start. Kylan played fall baseball and continues to improve. Next fall he hopes to play soccer or football. He also continues with Scouts and won best in show (boat design) in his pack's Raingutter Regatta .

Erik is a fourth grader and is now almost fluent in Spanish. He played soccer in the spring and fall and continues to improve. Erik is an avid reader and loves to write. He made one of his stories into a screenplay that was filmed at the Indianapolis Children's Museum. The story was called Michael and the Magnetic Miracle, but he changed it to Attraction for the movie version. His favorite new activity this year was the Puppet Team. They use puppets similar to the Muppets and will be "singing" a solo at the Christmas show. Erik is also in Scouts and defended his Raingutter Regatta title with a third place finish this fall.

FAREWELL FURRY FRIEND

We decided to find a new home for Lilac in November. She became anxious with the high energy three boys can generate and began having accidents on the carpet during the summer and into the fall. Her new home is in the country with a retired couple. We miss her dearly but are pleased she is being loved in a less stressful environment.



Erik dribbles toward a teammate.

HEIGH HO, HEIGH HO...

Brian will celebrate his 5th anniversary with Carrier in May. It has been a challenging year for the company as they are impacted by the nationwide housing crunch. Brian has survived a couple staff reductions but budget cuts and other restrictions have made work challenging. The company is still solid and he enjoys his work. We are thankful he has a good job. Brian completed his 8th season as a high school football official and began the process to work college games this year. He had 2 JV assignments and a scrimmage. He will attend a couple clinics in the off-season and hopes to gain more opportunities next year.



Kristofer enjoyed his first soccer season.

Jean has worked part-time nine years as a Staff Coordinator for Accu-Chek® Customer Care with Roche, and has served the company for nearly 20 years. In November her boss offered an opportunity to return to campus with increased hours and responsibilities. Jean started this new role December 8. It has been an adjustment for the family. The big challenge will be school holidays and especially summer break. Jean remains active volunteering



Kylan and Brian at the Brickyard 400

for Forest Glen Elementary and church. She schedules volunteers for the school's media center and is a room parent for Kylan's classroom. She continues to teach 1st grade religious ed and serve as a Eucharistic Minister. Jean still makes time for her bimonthly book club to get a break from all the testosterone at home.

Jean attended a taping of Oprah in October. It turned out to be 2 shows which have already aired and were for mature audiences only. Later in October Jean appeared on Oprah via Skype to ask Suze Orman a question. Watch for reruns.

CROSSING THE COUNTRY

We had our first real vacation (a trip without kids) in January on a New Year's Hawaiian cruise. It was a belated 10th anniversary celebration and fulfilled a goal we set on our honeymoon. We visited 4 islands in 7 days and especially enjoyed whale watching in Maui and a helicopter ride in Kauai. Thanks to Becky and Chad, and Brian's parents who watched the boys during our time away.



Fedjes at the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade

We did something we bet nobody else in the country did this year...we went to North Dakota for Spring Break! It was a fun trip and the weather was surprisingly comfortable. We spent a couple days with Becky and Chad and our nieces in Fargo, and Brian's parents in Minot. We also got together with several of Brian's college friends who are now living in the Twin Cities, Minot and Bismarck. Brian was also able to attend his fraternity chapter's annual Pig Banquet for the first time since graduating. A highlight of the trip for the boys was a stay at the Wilderness Lodge water park in Wisconsin Dells before returning to Indy.

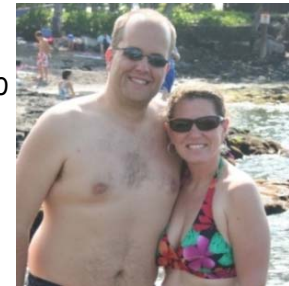


Erik and Jean at Jimmy Buffett

Other outings this year included: Brian and his dad attended the Iowa Corn 250 near Des Moines, Brian and Kylan attended the Brickyard 400, and Jean took Erik to his first concert— Jimmy Buffett thanks to

Grandma Trish's tickets.

Jean celebrated the big 40 in August. Brian and Jean spent a weekend in New York City and saw 'Wicked' on Broadway, toured Radio City Music Hall, visited Ground Zero, walked around Central Park and Times Square while Grandma Trish and Nanny had fun with the boys in Indy.



Brian & Jean in Kona, Hawaii

The final trip of the year was to Florida spending Thanksgiving with Sarah and Keith. The boys loved swimming in Aunt Sarah's and Uncle Keith's pool. We appreciated the warmer weather. Erik didn't feel well

Thanksgiving day so Brian and Keith stayed with him while Kylan and Kristofer had fun with Jean and Aunt Sarah at Disney's Hollywood Studios. We stayed with Brian's Aunt Barb and Uncle Wayne in Nashville on the way down and enjoyed dinner with the entire Parker clan. On the return trip we stopped in Atlanta, saw one of the pandas at the zoo, and Brian visited with high school friend, Brad Knollenberg.

To see more photos and what we've been up to visit <http://www.fedjefamily.net/>

OUR WISHES FOR YOU

For out of town friends and family, if you are in Indianapolis, just passing through or staying a while, please call; we would enjoy a visit. For our friends and family closer to home, we hope to see you in 2009.

Please take time to remember the reason for this joyous season. We pray your hearts are filled with peace.

Brian
Jean
Kylan
Erik KRISTOFER