

Merry Christmas 2003!

It's hard not to be excited about Christmas with a 3 year-old and a 1 year-old running around.

Dalton is really fired up. He has informed Santa several times that he wants a Green Bay Packers outfit (helmet, jersey, pants, socks, and shoes) for Christmas. Since we don't follow the Packers much, there must be something in the water here that has turned him into a cheese head. Aside from waiting for Christmas, Dalton has been attending the Children's Center at UW-Whitewater for two mornings a week since August. He seems to be enjoying that as well as his weekly trips to the library, playgroup, and Sunday School.



Colin (16 months old) spends his days harassing his mother, playing with Dalton, going to playgroup, library, and looking cute with his beautiful smile. He is building up his vocabulary and moving faster every day. Christmas should be a lot of fun for him this year, at least playing with the wrapping paper.

Jasper (6 years old) has been doing what he does best: laying around inside, laying around outside, and shedding.

Suzanne (young as ever) spends her time taking care of the rest of us. She has also been teaching several water aerobic classes at the aquatics center here in town. **John** (getting older by the second) is surviving his second year at UW-Whitewater. Once a week we splurge on a babysitter so we can play some volleyball together, kind of like we used to do when we first met (how sweet!). This past summer we celebrated our 10th anniversary; hard to believe Suzanne has put up with John for that long.

The biggest news event in our families this year was the birth of Rebecca (Becca) Lynne to Kim & Jim (John's brother) on July 30. We also have a new furry relative named Firenze, a Shetland Collie added to the Sorvaag family (John's sister). They both are so VERY cute and cuddly.

Our travels this year took us to relatives and friends in Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Tennessee, and northern Wisconsin. Dalton and Colin got to play with many of their cousins this past year and we had several visitors, which is always nice and welcomed. John took a 6 day canoe trip in the boundary waters with Scott and Jim. After a one night layover at home, he was off to Memphis for a 3-day workshop. To make up for the 12 days away from home, Suzanne got to spend a "girls-only" weekend with her sisters and mother in Iowa. Seems fair, doesn't it?

This year we will be spending Christmas at home and then heading off to Nebraska to spend time with Suzanne's family. In January, we are spending 7 days in Hawaii. John has a conference there and Suzanne's folks are going to come up and take care of the kids (Thank You!).



We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Love,
John, Suzanne, Dalton, Colin and Jasper