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Anna

Annika

Christine,
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Gott Nytt år 2009



Happy New Year 2009

Lisa, Anna, Dag,

Karin, Hugh, Noah



Annika,
Chip,
Noah



Annika,
Christine

January, 2009

Dear Friends,

As has happened before, there just was not enough time to put together our annual newsletter before Christmas. Right now things have calmed down a bit, so I sit down to remember some happenings during 2008:

- Continuing to take care of Annika on Wednesdays during the Spring
- Going to Maui with Lisa, Hugh and the kids for a fun, relaxing vacation in March. On the day we were booked to return home, Aloha Airlines stopped all flights. We had to spend an extra two days on Maui!
- Traveling to Sweden in July with Karin and Annika to explore familiar places through Annika's eyes
- Introducing Annika to many of her second cousins and hear her speaking Swedish after two weeks of total immersion
- Being able to go cross country skiing two times in Sierra Nevada in good ski conditions in spite of the winter not being good for skiing
- Being part of Lisa's and Hugh's move to Palo Alto in August at a distance. Their new house is only about 2 miles from Karin's house
- Being a granny-nanny together with Dag for our three grandchildren on Wednesdays during the fall. Dag (morfar) accompanies Noah to kindergarten, both on bicycles. I take Anna in the car to pick up Annika, then we drop Anna off at preschool. For a couple of hours we play in the park, go to the Children's library or the Palo Alto Jr. Museum and Zoo. Back to pick up Anna and spend the afternoon biking to the park, playing dress-up or coloring
- Going tent camping with the family to China Camp, a California State Park only an hour's drive from home
- Being able to go to my 45th college reunion in Sweden, seeing many of my class mates for the first time since we graduated
- Having the whole family involved with the SWEA Christmas Fair: Dag as a Santa, Karin leading the dances around the Christmas tree, Lisa, Hugh and the kids participating in all the activities, and I making sure all the entertainers are in place at the right time
- Being able to work from home, continuing to translate
- Watching the grandchildren grow and develop
- Celebrating Christmas with all our children and grandchildren

Wishing you a healthy, good 2009

Christine and Dag