



Anna Annika



Karin



Hugh Siri



Lisa Siri



*Happy New Year 2010*  
*Christine and Dag*



Noah

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Dear friends,

It happened again! Before Christmas there did not seem to be enough time to sit down and write a letter recounting the year's happenings. Now that the holidays are wonderful memories, here are some of the experiences of 2009.

- First of all: the 3 am phone call from Hugh that it was time for us to come over because Siri announced her much awaited entrance into this world. Lisa gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Siri Naema Holbrook on October 28, 2009. She weighed 8 lb 12 oz and was 21" long.
- I got to go cross country skiing again in the Sierras with my friends Carol and Sue. Although the sun was shining from a blue sky, the temperature did not rise above freezing all day, which reminded me of skiing in Sweden.
- Karin, Annika and I went to Apple Hill in September to enjoy all possible forms of apples: on the trees, in pies up to 7 lbs, as juice and even ice cream! Annika rode all available horses, but wants to go fishing next year.
- Lisa and Hugh invited me to join them on their trip to Maui again. We enjoyed going to the nearby Farmers' Market to buy fresh fruits and vegetables every day. Fresh pineapple never tastes as good as right there. I also had a chance to practice boogie boarding as well as snorkeling.
- In May I participated in Tour de Lincoln, a 20 mile bicycle ride in the Sierras. Again with my dear friends Carol and Sue. The Sierras are beautiful and enjoyable year round.
- This year's trip to Sweden took place in June. We attended Dag's niece Ingegerd's wedding, outdoors with the backdrop of the Mälaren inlet to Stockholm harbor with many ships passing by. Many of our relatives that we don't see that often were there. We danced 'til the wee hours of the morning.
- We celebrated a traditional Swedish Midsummer at Sveadal; tent camping, dancing around the Midsummer pole in our Swedish costumes with 300 other people, led by Karin. Our grandchildren now know many of the dances and enjoy them.
- All year we have taken care of our grandchildren on Wednesdays. Where applicable, we bring to and pick up from school. Noah is in first grade and Anna in kindergarten. Annika is a playmate all day. She especially likes to go to the children's library and check out books. The day ends with a family dinner in Palo Alto.
- This year I have learned a new sport: baseball. Noah and I play two-man baseball in the back yard. We play with ghost runners as I am the pitcher and he the runner.
- Dag has had several "father-daughter-days" with Karin. They have put in new windows in her house, and redone the landscaping, among other projects. They both enjoy these activities.
- We continue our translation business. We believe it exercises our brains, and it is enjoyable.
- Celebrating Lucia, December 13, was big this year. In the morning, Annika dressed up as Lucia for us, serving saffron buns and gingerbread cookies. Anna did the same for her parents with Noah as a star boy. The next school day the girls performed the Lucia pageant together in their respective classrooms. They sang the Santa Lucia song and served Swedish gingerbread cookies. A very popular performance!
- This year's holiday season ended with our annual lutfisk dinner here in Hayward. We served glögg, danced around the Christmas tree and played competitive Gnav as well as enjoyed the lutfisk and Swedish meatballs.

*Wishing you a great 2010*

*Christine and Dag*