



Merry Christmas 2012!



"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. – Luke 1:35

Dear family and friends, looking back over the year, it turns out we had a lot of **firsts**. . .

January saw us recovering from our **first** trip to Minnesota with 4 kids. In February, Rebecca took Hannah to her **first** ballet, Sleeping Beauty. We also had a combined birthday party bash for Hannah and our two foster girls. Nate ran in his **first** obstacle course race called the Super Spartan and then he was asked to run in his **first** long distance relay race called the Ragnar Relay. Nate also completed the Insanity workout program 3 times and the Asylum program this year, accomplishments Nate never thought possible before P90X. Nate has lost 53 lbs since Jan 2009, praise God!

In March, we got respite for our foster girls while the kids and Nate headed to TX for a visit and Rebecca headed to Georgia for the **first** time to see our new niece, Lilly. Then the Diltzs came to see us and Benjamin got to go to his **first** baseball game during spring training.

In April and May, we got to go to our **first** parent teach conference, attend our **first** school field trips, and attend our **first** Kindergarten 'graduation'. In June, we tried putting the foster girls in day care, but due to behaviors Rebecca decided to quit her job to become a full-time stay-at-home mom for the **first** time.

In June, we got respite again and took another trip to TX so we could leave the kids with Grandpa and Grandma and have some time together for our anniversary and to recoup. The kids really enjoyed their **first** trip to Sea World.

In August, the girls got to go back with their mom. We had them for 9 months. The timing was great as we were headed out to Colorado to celebrate the Moehrings' 50th Anniversary. It was during this time that, Rebecca was asked to try out her hand at coaching for the **first** time. She ended up coaching twelve Jr Hi girls into 16th place in state with an 11-4 season record.

Nate had received a reward at work where he got to choose from a list of "adventures". In September, he chose to attend a two hour trapeze class and he flew for the **first** time. For Rebecca's 30th birthday, Nate and the kids had a staycation away from home so Rebecca and some friends could have the house to themselves. It was lots of fun and even though it was the **first** time, it probably won't be the last. ☺

In November, after we celebrated Ben's 3rd birthday, we took another trip to TX for Thanksgiving so that we could hang out with Uncle Justin before his next deployment. The kids had a great time playing together with the Miller cousins and meeting Lilly for the **first** time. We'll be heading to TX one more time for Christmas as the Schader family comes home for a visit. It will be lots of fun to get to play with those cousins too.

Our normal schedule still includes: adult co-rec volleyball, hosting life group, working in the nursery or leading worship at church, letting the kids do one activity/sport/class per week, and homeschooling (Hannah will start the Kindergarten program in the spring and Benjamin is starting preschool now).

We pray blessings on each of you in the New Year!
- Nate, Rebecca, Hannah, and Benjamin



As always, updates and photos on www.themoehrings.com!