



December 2010
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!!
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May the blessings that surround the birth of the Christ Child be with you and your family this holiday season. Join us as we pray for peace on earth.

We thought about just pasting in a recent "Dear Abby" column which mocked the Christmas letter as self-aggrandizement. Since such a letter with pictures has been a tradition Barbara's family since about 1953, we decided to keep at it. 2010 was mostly about family.

Christmas in Steamboat



Pictured: Barb's brother Jim, his daughter Keller, his wife Marty, and Rob (our daughter Gwyneth's husband) enjoyed a day of cross country skiing as part of a several day family gathering – the usual dinner crowd was about 20 cousins related in all sorts of ways. An intergenerational and inter family gathering with no squabbles and fantastic times.



Gwyneth and the girls, Chloe then 7 and Camille 11, enjoyed snowshoeing with Phil and Barbara. Our younger daughter, Susannah spent her days skiing with her soon-to-be fiancé, Luis.



Susannah and Luis

Trip to Turkey



Rob, Gwyneth, Camille and Chloe met up with Phil in Istanbul, and a day later joined Barb to take a ferry and overnight train to Ankara. In Ankara, Barb attended her last conference in the role of Chair of SIGCSE, the national organization for Computer Science Educators. The rest of the family did a lot of exploring in Ankara.

The next week, the six of us were joined by Susannah. We spent the time using Seljuk (modern Ephesus) as a base for a fabulous time exploring Biblical ruins.

Phil at Amphitheater at Hierapolis



Library at Ephesus



California



Luis and Susannah moved to Palo Alto, California, where Luis began studying for a master's in environmental civil engineering at Stanford. They had only been there a day when Phil and Barb landed on their doorstep, followed by Gwyneth, who came without husband or children! We had a fabulous time reacquainting ourselves with the area where we lived when we were first married.

Barb and her Baritone at Tuba Christmas



Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

