



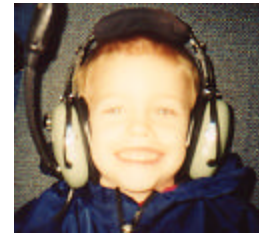
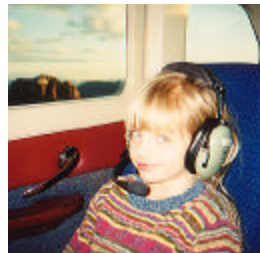
"Good news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing: To us this day a child is given, To crown us with the joy of heaven. - Martin Luther

Christmas 2001 from the Richardson Family....

Happy Holidays from our family to yours... here is a breakdown of what kept us busy the past twelve months...

JANUARY

We started out the year with a trip to Northern Arizona, and the town of Sedona. Ama & Apa Matson also came along. The highlight of the trip was an air tour of Sedona in a small prop plane. Jakob, in particular, loved it. We also spent a day in Flagstaff playing in the snow, and making snowmen.



FEBRUARY

We took a trip to California to visit family – and to spend a day at Disneyland!!

MARCH

It was a rather uneventful month. The kids enjoyed their Spring Break by just hanging out at home, and playing with their neighborhood friends. David went on a business trip to Arkansas...

APRIL

Emily went to work at Rhino Internet with her Dad as part of Take Your Daughter to Work Day. She liked it... but still says she has no intention of doing what Daddy does.

MAY

It was a special time for Mom as she got to attend a Mom's Day party at each child's class. The students in Emily's class made their moms picture frames wrapped in paper they made themselves. In Jakob's class, the students made their moms clay vases with flowers inside (it now sits on our bedside table). School ended late in the month... and the day after school was out we packed up the car and headed to California for a short visit.



JUNE

Stefanie flew to Illinois with her dad to attend the funeral of her Uncle Dick. Although it was a sad occasion, it was good to see the Illinois family members again. We bought a new car – a Volvo station wagon (we needed a bigger vehicle, and David made it clear that a mini-van was not an option.) On the last day of June we packed up our new Volvo & drove to California... to begin our summer vacation.

JULY



By far our busiest month! On the first day of July we were at Disneyland – celebrating the end of Phillip’s medical residency. (Phillip is David’s brother.) We enjoyed brunch at Club 33, the exclusive restaurant inside Disneyland, and then spent the day having fun on all the rides! The next day we left for Oregon and made it in one day! The kids are amazing travelers. They spent 16 hours in the car without a single complaint. In Oregon we enjoyed a wonderful reunion with David’s family. It was especially nice to spend time at Grandpa Klein’s house with all the family there! After saying

our good-byes, we headed south again along the coast of Northern California. We visited the Redwoods National Forest, Napa Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, and Yosemite National Park. Our favorite time during this leg of the trip was camping in Yosemite. We really enjoyed hiking and taking in the park’s awesome beauty—and we even ran into a bear! After Yosemite we drove back to Arizona, and arrived home just in time to celebrate Jakob’s 4th birthday on the 17th! Emily turned 6 years old eleven days later! Oh... and at the end of the month, we discovered that Stefanie is pregnant with our 3rd child!

AUGUST

The kids started school – Emily is now a 1st grader, and Jake is in his second year of preschool. We made a trip to California to visit David’s dad, and sister, Lauren. David and Stefanie went with her dad, and brother, Erik, to see Bob Dylan in concert. Stefanie enjoyed a relaxing ‘girls only’ weekend in San Diego with friends.

SEPTEMBER

Two trips to California this month – the first was a weekend in San Diego with Stefanie’s mom; the second was a weekend in Orange County with family – and a matinee of the Broadway musical The Lion King in Los Angeles. Emily started karate (and loves it!). Of course, we spent a lot of time reading the newspaper & watching the television in wake of the devastating attacks of September 11th.



OCTOBER

Emily started Girl Scouts... she’s a first year Brownie. Jakob was very excited about Halloween & had us counting down the days to the big event. He was Spiderman – and Emily was a fairy princess. We also found out we’re expecting a healthy boy!!

NOVEMBER

We celebrated Thanksgiving at Stefanie’s parents. The kids went to see Santa – and told him what they wanted for Christmas. David participated in a two-day bike ride, pedaling over 160-miles, to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

DECEMBER



Well... here we are... busy getting ready for Christmas, and our trip to California where we'll spend the holiday with David's family. We wish all our family and friends a holiday season filled with love & joy... and a happy, healthy, & peaceful 2002!



Much love,

The Richardson's
David, Stefanie, Emily & Jakob

