

Happy Holidays!

Welcome to the holidays! We are focused on the many things we are so blessed by and thankful for in 2007. It's been a whirlwind of a year, getting settled in our new home, Scott speaking at numerous engagements and receiving well deserved awards, Kirsten getting a new position at work, Eva growing up before our eyes, a couple of trips, and a new baby on the way next spring!

Yes, most exciting news first, we are expecting a baby at the end of March 2008. Eva will have a little sister to share her room, toys, clothes, and parents with! We are all thrilled to bring another little girl into our family and looking forward to the challenge and joy of having a baby around again.

Eva practically has the vocabulary of a 12 year old now. Recently she wasn't satisfied with our answer to the question, "Where is the sun?" Instead of answering "behind the clouds" she proceeded to talk about how the earth rotates on its axis so the sun is on the other side of the earth at night! She's constantly questioning the world around us and figuring things out. She potty trained herself at 2 years old—granting us a blessed year off from diapers before the new baby arrives! Eva starts preschool this January and turns three in April. She loves puzzles and games, talking on the phone, baking muffins, making up songs, swimming, visiting her grandparents, and telling us what to do.

Scott was honored earlier this year with the MDA Courage Award and more recently with the Stephen Heywood Patients Today Award. We had the amazing opportunity to travel to Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend to appear on the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. Maybe you missed us? We were on around 2:15 AM! We also traveled to Boston this fall where Scott spoke at the ALS TD9 Leadership Summit. Scott produced and screened a short documentary film this year; he continues to write his blog on our family website as well as speak about ALS at colleges and local awareness events.

Kirsten started a new role with Accenture at Best Buy. She continues to work a flexible, part time schedule (4 days/week) managing a team to deploy procurement software to Best Buy in the US and Canada. She is enjoying her work very much thanks to the support she is receiving from her team and the ability to work from home one day a week. Kirsten is once again demonstrating her amazing ability to multitask, caring for Scott and Eva and gestating an infant while single handedly preparing dinner, paying the bills, and more-or-less holding together the entire ship. Kirsten also turned 30 this year!

We continue to be thankful for the support of friends and family throughout the year. Our parents have been more closely involved with our lives than they should have to be at this point. A friend started a Share the Care group for our family that supports us on a weekly basis with physical care, meals, household help, and more. Thank you.

All the best to you with love from our family,

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