

SEASON'S GREETINGS, MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND ALL THAT STUFF THAT PEOPLE WRITE IN THE BEGINNING OF THEIR HOLIDAY LETTERS. IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN, TO UPDATE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WITH THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR.

LAST YEAR, WE HAD A NEW BABY, NEW HOUSE AND NEW JOB TO WRITE ABOUT. THIS YEAR WAS MUCH MORE "ROUTINE" WHICH WAS A NICE CHANGE OF PACE.

ERIC AND SUZY'S JOBS ARE GOING WELL. SUZY IS STILL A DATABASE ENGINEER FOR LOCKHEED MARTIN, AND ERIC IS A SYSTEMS ANALYST FOR NTIA. SUZY SEEMS A LITTLE JEALOUS BECAUSE OF ALL THE "EXTRA" DAYS OFF THAT ERIC GETS (PERKS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORK.)

ALLYSON IS GOING TO BE 5 IN JANUARY. SHE IS BECOMING SUCH A "BIG SISTER." SHE LOVES HER LITTLE JORDAN. ALLY IS BACK IN THE CHRISTIAN WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL 2 DAYS A WEEK. SHE LOVES IT. THIS YEAR SHE IS GOING TO BE MARY IN THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. SHE IS SO EXCITED. SHE HAS BEEN PRACTICING HER SONG FOR THE PAST MONTH. ALLY WILL BE STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER, AND SHE'S ALREADY REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT.

ALLY AND HER GIRLFRIEND KAYLEE HAVE JOINED THE NOKESVILLE 4H CLUB. THEY DO LOTS OF REALLY COOL THINGS LIKE ANIMAL TRACKING, AND VISITS TO AN EMU FARM AND A HORSE SHOW.

JORDAN IS 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ NOW, AND GROWING LIKE CRAZY. SHE LOVES RUNNING AROUND, FOLLOWING ALLY, AND TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING THAT SHE DOES...GOOD OR BAD. AND OF COURSE, ALLY IS GREAT AT ENCOURAGING HER. JORDAN'S NEW FAVORITE PASTIME IS "CLIMBING." SHE'LL TRY TO CLIMB ANYTHING, AND IF SHE FINDS SOMETHING THAT'S TOO BIG FOR HER TO CLIMB, ALLY IS RIGHT THERE, TO GIVE HER A BOOST.

JORDAN IS SAYING LOTS OF WORDS. HER FAVORITE IS DADDY OR DA-DA. SHE ONLY SAYS MOMMY WHEN SHE CAN'T GET SOMETHING THAT SHE REALLY WANTS FROM DA-DA. AND THEN IT'S NA-NA, WHICH IS MOMMY IN JORDAN LANGUAGE.

WE HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL FOR THE HOLIDAYS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING YEAR. HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ERIC, SUZY, ALLYSON & JORDAN RUTH

