

Seasons Greetings from Springfield VA!

WE NORMALLY USE OUR CHRISTMAS AND FAMILY OF THE CHANGES IN OUR PAST YEAR. THIS YEAR WE'LL BE DOING YEAR, WE WILL BE TELLING YOU ABOUT HAVEN'T CHANGED. SUZY IS STILL WORKING FOR DATABASE ENGINEER, AND THE SKY IS STILL BLUE. ELSE IS NEW.

LETTER TO INFORM FRIENDS LIVES THROUGHOUT THE IT DIFFERENTLY. THIS THE THINGS THAT LOCKHEED MARTIN AS A THAT'S ALL...EVERYTHING

OK, SO THAT'S A BIT OF AN EXAGGERATION. BUT IT SURE FEELS LIKE EVERYTHING IS CHANGING. LET'S SEE, WHERE SHOULD WE START? THE MOST EXCITING NEWS OF THE YEAR IS OUR NEW BABY BOY/GIRL. (SEX NOT YET DETERMINED) OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER IS DUE IN MID MAY. (18TH TO BE EXACT) ALLYSON IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT BEING A BIG SISTER. SHE LOVES TELLING ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN ABOUT HER NEW BABY BROTHER. (ALLYSON APPARENTLY KNOWS MORE THAN WE DO ABOUT THE SEX OF THE BABY)

ERIC'S RECURRING NIGHTMARES OF POSSIBLY SHARING ONE BATHROOM WITH 3 WOMEN LED TO THOUGHTS OF A MORE SPACIOUS HOME. WE SPENT MOST OF OCTOBER BROUSING THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, AND FOUND A HOUSE THAT WE FELL IN LOVE WITH. THE NEW HOUSE IS LOCATED IN MANASSAS, VA (HALF WAY BETWEEN MANASSAS AND WOODBRIDGE.) WE GO TO SETTLEMENT ON BOTH OUR OLD AND NEW HOUSE ON DECEMBER 31ST (HAPPY NEW YEAR.) FORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE TO BE OUT OF OUR CURRENT HOUSE UNTIL JANUARY 14TH, SO WE HAVE A FEW WEEKS TO MOVE.

SINCE EVERYTHING ELSE WAS CHANGING, ERIC DECIDED THAT IT MIGHT BE FUN TO CHANGE JOBS IN THE MIDDLE OF MOVING AND PREPARING FOR A NEW BABY. ERIC'S NEW JOB, WORKING FOR NTIA (NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION) WILL BE STARTING ON JANUARY 13TH. THIS JOB WILL INVOLVE SIMILAR WORK AND BE A BIT CLOSER TO THE NEW HOME. NTIA HAS BEEN ONE OF ERIC'S CUSTOMERS FOR 5 OF THE 10 YEARS THAT HE WAS WORKING FOR MSI/LASON.

EVEN WITH ALL THE "NEW'S" IN OUR LIFE WE HAVE STILL MANAGED TO FIND SOME TIME FOR THE "GOOD OLD" THINGS. BOWLING, CAMPING, DANCING, SHOOTING POOL, WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP WITH FRIENDS, ETC...

ALLYSON IS DOING GREAT. SHE'LL BE 3 IN JANUARY, SHE LOVES BEING SPOILED BY HER GRANDPARENTS. SHE SPENT A WEEK IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC, WITH HER BABCI AND GRANDDAD (SUZY'S PARENTS) AND ANOTHER WEEK IN ALLENTOWN, PA WITH BON-BON & POP-POP (ERIC'S PARENTS) WHILE ERIC & SUZY SPENT THE WEEK IN KILLINGTON VT WITH FRIENDS.

WHEN SHE'S HOME, ALLYSON LOVES SWIMMING, PLAYING AT THE PARK, RIDING HER BIKE, WAGON RIDES, BUILDING SNOW MEN, GEOCACHING¹ AND HANGING OUT WITH THE OTHER 2 MUSKITEERS, KAYLEE AND ABBY. ALLY IS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT MOVING BECAUSE OUR NEW HOUSE IS ONLY ABOUT A MILE FROM KAYLEE'S HOUSE.

ALLY'S WEB ADDRESS HAS BEEN MOVED SINCE LAST CHRISTMAS. THE NEW PAGE IS <http://www.theruthfamily.com> THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF UPDATES COMING UP SOON, BUT FOR NOW, YOU CAN SEE LOTS OF PICTURES OF ALLY AND HER FRIENDS. YOU CAN ALSO SEE PICTURES OF THE NEW HOUSE AND LOTS OF OTHER FUN STUFF.

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 & Baby Ruth

¹ See <http://www.geocaching.com> for more information