



Merry Christmas!

It's been a great year for us...a year of many firsts! We celebrated our first Christmas together last year with Lisa's family. Opening presents on Christmas Eve was a little bit of a change for PC, who is used to opening presents on Christmas day. We still haven't decided when we're going to open our presents, PC's being a little stubborn about it!

In March we went to Japan for the first time, to visit PC's sister who is stationed near Tokyo. What an amazing place...so different from what we are used to. We played a lot of 'charades' too, as it was rare to find someone who spoke even a little English.

In June we celebrated our first anniversary and bought our first new car (another Honda Accord), which Lisa gets to drive most of the time, as PC loves his old '87 Honda!

We took our first trip to Hong Kong and Thailand over Thanksgiving with PC's parents. We spent 3 days in Hong Kong and 10 days in Thailand (3 days on the island of Koh Samui, 2 days in Chiang Mai, and 5 days in Bangkok). We did all sorts of things including eating great food, sitting by the pool, and going elephant trekking. Of course, we can't forget the shopping we did...it seems like that's all we did! We got to stay at the Shangri-La Hotels in both Hong Kong and Bangkok...MANY thanks to Aunt CC! This was the trip of a lifetime!

The most exciting news we have is not even our own: PC's sister, Campbell, is getting married in July! The irony of it is that her fiancée is the cousin of one of Lisa's best friends from high school and a bridesmaid in our wedding, Megan. So it looks like we're going back to Japan in July to attend Campbell's wedding!

As for the day-to-day stuff Lisa is still working for Wells Fargo and recently got promoted to be a manager at her branch. She enjoys this much more than being a banker! PC is still working for the same company, IBSN, writing integration software for the financial services industry. In some ways, it's been a trying year because his job required him to go to St. Louis week after week, returning only on the weekends. It turned out to be about a third of the year that he was gone- it was like being single again!

That about wraps it up for this year. For this Christmas, Lisa's family is coming out to Colorado to spend the holidays with us. We've only got a few days in between the Thailand trip and the Garvey family trip to clean up, so wish us luck! On that note, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love,

Lisa and PC