

Everyone,

Well as we get older and our families grow larger it seems that more and more of us write these letters. Kristina and I are no different, other than being a little late. We hope that everyone is well and is feeling the holiday spirit. What a year it's been! We visited with family in Montana this year; Josh's Aunt Suzanne and her three boys met Kristina and our son, Tylar for the first time, and we met Aaron's wife Terri for the first time. Wow, what a vacation we had. It was so nice



to have almost everyone there, missed you Kenny. We even got a short but convenient visit from my Aunt Pam and Uncle Tom on their way back to Wisconsin. It's funny how all through the year we say to ourselves up here that it's just a plane ride away, and it's not that far, wow how the holidays throw the distance into perspective for us. We miss everyone very much and are planning our trips for the coming year. We had a lot of visits this summer from Kristina's side of the family, the most recent being Thanksgiving with Kristina's parents Leo & Erna. We enjoyed our 90+ Degree summer however the smoke was unbearable at times. We had over 5,000,000 acres burned this summer a record for us, I guess probably for every state. The fires at one point were within 40 miles of us, but we never felt threatened, Josh had the garden hose's ready. So anyway, my sister Jackie is getting married to a great guy Justin, whom most of the family has met I think. So off to Michigan in October, I told my family that I couldn't leave in the summertime anymore, they are too short and beautiful up here to be missed. Kirk, my cousin, is coming up in September to join me and two other close friends of mine on a 10-day float hunt for moose. Hopefully I can fulfill his dreams and help him fill his tag. I am currently working on Fort Wainwright as a Housing Inspector and Kristina is self-employed with a Day-Care operation that we are waiting to fill. Tylar is currently self-

employed by his overwhelming desire to get into everything that his little hands can reach and trying to reach the stuff he can't. I know, I know, told you so. We love it, he is so adorable and cute the way he sneaks around and looks for stuff. He has started to look at us from the corners of his eyes now; it's funny how quickly they develop that little personality. We are looking forward to next year, summer actually, now that Tylar is more mobile and we all will be able to enjoy it a little more. I am thinking of starting my own business next year guiding fly-fisherman on the Chena River. But we'll see what happens. We are going to spend Christmas with Kristina's family in Nome this year and next year it's Christmas at our house. Speaking of our house, for those that were not aware Kristina and I purchased a home on Lakloey Hill, we have a nice view of the mountains on a clear day and I think that if cut my neighbors trees off at the tops I could see Mt. McKinley. I don't think that they would appreciate that though. We almost have our greenhouse finished; we have about 4 more pieces of plastic to put up before it is finally done. You know how it goes, work, work, work then comes hunting season and up here if your not done with your Honey-dos they wait till after hunting season which means the next summer up here. HAHA-HAHA!!! Kristina's not laughing, but the freezers full so she can't complain. We have a beautiful yard! The Grass is so nice and thick and I get the strange feeling that we are going to rip some of it up for a new deck, oh and a new wood shed, so we are now excepting applications for VOLUNTEERS to help with my Honey-dos next year, Dad? Leo? Room and board and all the Fairbanks Lager you can drink. HAHA! Well I suppose there is a lot of tire kickers on that deal, but seriously anyone who wants to come and visit is more than welcome to crash



with us. Kristina is doing great and we can never say enough good things about our pride and joy, Tylar, or Little T as Kris and I call him. It's funny how nicknames are never welcomed when you think about it but oh how they stick, isn't that right Mom? Josh or Joshua? Well, we have taken enough of your time; we will let you get back to your Holiday Festivities.

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