

Anderson Family Report 2008

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Happy Holidays from our family!



Standing: Zafar, Evan, Tami, Jaga, Greta, Jayna; Seated: Gordon, Mary Jane



This year's tree

Season's Greetings! We want to thank all of you who have been getting out your cards and letters before us. We have been enjoying them all.

In 2008 our house got quieter as our exchange student Zafar went back to Afghanistan in June, Greta went to the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, and our dog Baby passed on from old age.

- In February, Gordon traveled to Korea to present the first phase of the *New World Encyclopedia* (www.newworldencyclopedia.org), for which he has been business manager. He was happy to hear in April the project received support for "phase 2" which will take another four years.



Gordon and his mother at niece Karin's Wedding in Montana



Mary Jane at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in the North Dakota badlands.

The website is currently receiving about 200,000 different visitors each month.

- In June, before Zafar went home, we took him and his friend Hakim on a trip to Minnesota's North Shore on Lake Superior. Mary Jane took a bus trip to Washington, DC, to participate in the Global Peace Festival held on August 9. In September we went to Bozeman, Montana to attend our niece Karin's wedding.
- We spent Thanksgiving with Gordon's brother Wayne in St. Cloud, MN.
- Gordon is President of Paragon House publishers (www.paragonhouse.com), edits *International Journal on World Peace*, serves as a Trustee of the University of Bridgeport, and is President of the Minnesota Legislative Evaluation Assembly.
- Mary Jane thoroughly enjoys working as a nurse consultant for Amy Johnson Residence, and picked up another supervisory position at a nursing/group home called Elder Haven in Forest Lake.
- She continues AVON sales and involvement in other organizations including the White Bear Women's Club and has been more active in the church choir.

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Tami and Jaga with Hobe visiting in October

Tami and Jaga Gavin

- They still live in Asheville, NC., but rumors are they could be moving to New York.
- Tami, an interior designer, received her national interior design certification.
- Jaga has completed carpentry school and works with high-end cabinetry. He also makes custom cement countertops.
- This year they got an addition named Hobe, which is a center of attention.

Jayna (23)

- Worked at Paragon House doing typesetting and book advertising, and also worked at Fabulous Fern's restaurant.
- Lives in an apartment near downtown Minneapolis.
- Enjoys the restaurants, museums and theaters the city has to offer.
- Went to the Florida Keys with her boyfriend Joe's family in March, and to Las Vegas for a friend's wedding in October.



Jayna, Joe, his two sisters in the Florida Keys last March.



Greta visiting New York

Greta (19)

- Attended the University of Minnesota School of Design last spring.
- Spent the summer working at the White Bear Yacht Club, Betty's Pies, and Macys.
- Took a summer camping trip to the North Shore with four friends.
- Transferred to the University of Bridgeport graphic design program after receiving a scholarship.
- Works at Roberto's, an Italian restaurant in downtown Bridgeport, CT.
- Teaches Sunday school for 7th and 8th graders.
- Enjoys visits to New York, Boston and New England sights.
- Spent Thanksgiving with her high school friend who is at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Evan (18)

- In 12th grade at White Bear Lake South Campus and a student at Century College.
- Was a member of the high school tennis team in the Spring.
- Has taken up cross country skiing and is on the school ski team.
- Likes science, technology, video games, and LAN parties.
- Took European History, Philosophy, Physics, and Calculus.



Evan on a balcony at the new Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis

In this Holiday Season...

Joy, Peace, and Love to you from the Andersons