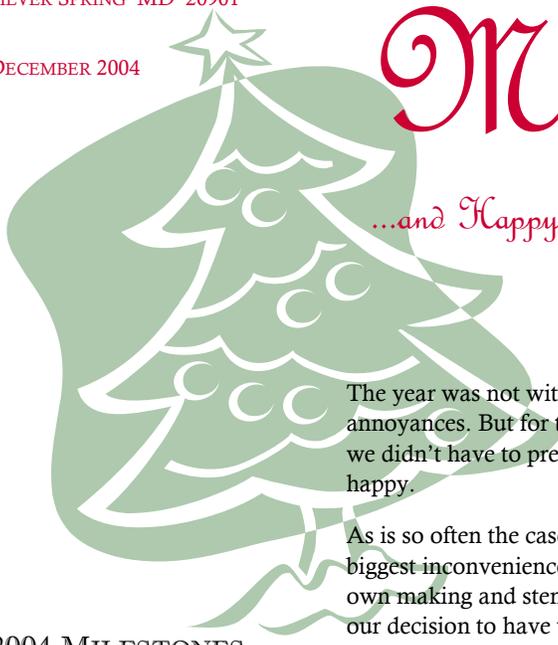


# Merry Christmas

...and Happy Everything Else

From the Willises



The year was not without its little annoyances. But for the most part we didn't have to pretend to be happy.

As is so often the case, this year's biggest inconvenience was of our own making and stemmed from our decision to have the house completely remodeled. The ordeal, which affected every room (and added 7 new ones), chased Crystal and the girls to the "Great" Northwest for the entire month of July while relegating Tim to the basement. But we are pleased with the (mostly) finished product.

The additional space should facilitate the welcoming of an expected fourth daughter into our family sometime in March.

Tim still teaches early-morning seminary on school days, and makes his living working for a "boutique" consulting firm that serves mainly mortgage companies.



## 2004 MILESTONES

- Hannah gets baptized.
- Lucy starts kindergarten.
- Sophie (age 2) loses her first tooth (traumatically).
- Tim changes jobs, finishes 1,128th (out of 1,190) in local 8K race.
- Crystal celebrates 10th wedding anniversary in St. Lucia, brings Tim along.

## AGE UPDATES

(DESIGNED TO MAKE YOU FEEL OLD)

<b>TIM</b>	32	Crystal keeps busy serving in the PTA, volunteering in Hannah's and Lucy's classes, teaching Relief Society, and trying to impose order on chaos.
<b>CRYSTAL</b>	23	
<b>HANNAH</b>	8	<b>HANNAH's</b> nose is always in a book. Having first read the two Harry Potter novels that are not yet films, she's now working her way through the other three. Still, her best school subject is probably math.
<b>LUCY</b>	5	She does all the standard stuff: piano lessons, soccer, swim team. It'll be interesting to see what sticks.
<b>SOPHIA</b>	2½	
<b>GIRL NO. 4</b>	-¼	

**"OK, THIS IS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARD. EVERYBODY SHUSH AND PRETEND YOU'RE HAPPY!"**

**LUCY** is ever the princess. (Is that meant in a good way? Mostly.) She is fiercely competitive (in the pool and elsewhere) and reads pretty well for a kindergartener. She occasionally occupies herself at church by circling the words she recognizes in the bulletin. Her father occasionally occupies himself at church by watching her try to do this using the Spanish version.

**SOPHIA** (Sophie/Soph to her friends) is at her sweetest when her sisters are at school. She is currently caught in a frustrating on-again/off-again relationship with her beautiful Sleeping Beauty panties and potty training.

Her favorite place on earth might just be the YMCA child care center where she goes three days a week while her mother swims great distances.

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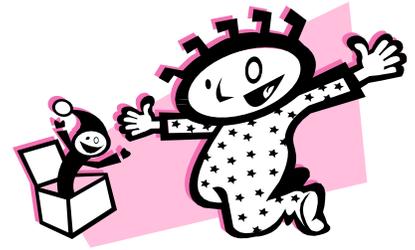
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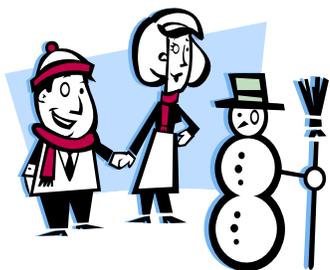
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**Your business tag line here.**

Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com

*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served. It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
EXAMPLE.MICROSO  
FT.COM**

## BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to

give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.



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