

## ***Merry Christmas***

Good health and glad tidings to all.

Eric finally got to make a needed job change. July 15 marked the end of the era of being a practice-based family physician and the beginning of transition to reduced work by working as a walk-in physician. Gone are the beloved call, working holidays, working weekends, and working other non-paid hours. He is still with Olathe Health in Miami County, but he is now in Paola instead of Louisburg. He is enjoying his off hours cycling, working in the woodshop and playing with new computer toys. He biked across Wisconsin again this June, plus some of the same passes in Colorado as the Pro-Cycling Tour (just not the same days).

Margie remains busy at KU Hospital. She plans to work fulltime as long as physically possible (Eric will tell you she has never completely been there mentally). Sewing, home gardening and the farm keep her busy. This year we re-roofed the farm house. We got enough rain and sunshine for the garden and crops. Margie went to a bell festival in New Hampshire in June. Besides the novelty of eating lunch in three different states (all within 30-60 minutes drive), she was able to meet Kathy, NurAlima, Kevin and Liam for lunch.

Alan continues to work and live in the LA area. The Baylor football stadium work is nearly finished. He was able to come to Manhattan for the KSU-Baylor game, and go to Waco for the Baylor-Texas game. He went to Denver and KC for Chiefs' games. He is hoping for a Chiefs' win when he goes to the game in San Diego.

Daniel and Gabi moved back to Kansas in June. We are doing well under one roof until they find an apartment this spring. They are both working as paras in the autism program at Blue Valley West High. They are making plans for school, maybe as early as this summer or fall. Gabi is very near to a secondary Ed degree, and Daniel is looking at grad programs.

We welcomed grand-niece Evelyn and grand-nephew Liam to our extended family. Margie has had a few chances to watch grand-niece Clara this past year; such a joy. We are also lucky enough to celebrate times with grand-nieces Eliza and Hartley and grand-nephew Noah.

We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a renewed spirit for 2014!