

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our house to yours

Dear Family and Friends,

We hope this letter finds you happy, healthy, and ready to enjoy the Holiday season and all of God's blessings. Now, 2010...where to begin? It was a busy year involving memorable moments, changes, travel, getting out and enjoying life!

Our biggest change came in April when Dave was offered and accepted a position in Jamestown as the Executive Director of Stutsman County Housing Authority. He started his new job on June 1, learning about housing and making several changes, including a move to a new office location here in Jamestown.

We decided to start a small garden and grow some fresh tomatoes, zucchini, and watermelon, besides our usual flowers. Well, the watermelon plant ended up being a mislabeled tomato plant. Our little experiment was fun and produced lots of veggies, and we are planning a larger garden for this spring.

Eight years at Jamestown College. Where did the time go? I'm still enjoying getting to know our students and alumni through interviewing and writing. My oboe and I got a workout this spring with several performances scheduled in close succession. This fall, I played in the pit for the musical "Chess," and our orchestra is working on several fun pieces for spring.

We continue to kayak whenever possible and soaked up a summer with many perfect days for our pastime. This year we tackled seven bodies of water in North Dakota. Hopefully, we can hit eight or more in 2011. We made a few trips up to Lake Upsilon and relaxed at the cabin as well as trips around the region to visit family and friends.

For Dave's new career, he needed to complete a certification, and a class was offered in Philadelphia during the first week in October. I came along for vacation and had a great time checking out museums and landmarks while he was in class. My top two were the Cleopatra exhibit at the Franklin Institute and the tour of Philadelphia City Hall. Not to worry, though - Dave got free time too and together we saw the Museum of Art (see the Rocky statue in photo), Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Constitution Center, US Mint, and more. We made it home in time to see Dave's aunt and uncle who were visiting from North Carolina.



Nubs the cat enjoys watching the neighbor kids, birds, and other cats that pass through the yard. We curbed her fascination with the kitchen sink with her very own kitty water fountain providing a steady stream of fresh water. What a life she leads!

That's a quick recap of 2010, but as always we continue to post pictures and notes on our web site www.kleinfamilies.net. Feel free to seek us out through social networking if we're not already cyber-connected. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2011!

Dave & Erin Klein

