



# Merry Christmas 2010 to all our family and friends



In 2010 we welcomed a new grandson, Sasha (Aleksandra) Hunt James Toomey. Sasha was adopted by our daughter, Devon and her husband, Jeremy. He joins brothers Heath (age 4) and Brooks (age 2) in Omaha, Nebraska.

Sasha is a congenital quadruple amputee who was placed in a Serbian orphanage at birth. Devon found his story through the internet and she and Jeremy committed to making him a member of their family. Devon has been writing a wonderful blog about Sasha and their adoption experience. It is at <http://onestitchatatimetoomey.blogspot.com/>



We love being grandparents and this year also included several fun camping trips and adventures with granddaughters Ellery (age 6) and Sydney (age 4), daughters of our son, Aden and his wife, Kim. Luckily the girls live close by in Lake Oswego so we can see them fairly often. It is hard not have our other grandchildren closer. Each year we drive the RV back to Omaha to visit them and this year we went via the Tetons. What a beautiful place!

Dennis officially retired from Willamette Valley Hospice in January much to Stephany's delight. Ha! Ha! Actually the retirement only lasted about 15 minutes because now he has an "occasional" position where he is on call one weekend a month and fills in for the other spiritual counselors if needed. It does give him more time to join Stephany in her travel adventures though and he is finding that retirement is not so bad after all!



We also have two new dogs to join us in our travels. Zoey is a three year old lab/terrier mix who we adopted from the Lane County Animal Shelter. Our other dog, Max, is a labradoodle who turned one this December. He has definitely kept us busy with his puppy antics since we got him in April but Zoey has been working hard to teach him manners! Both dogs have sweet, loving personalities and are great companions.

In other news, Stephany's sister, Michele, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and had major surgery in November to replace part of her esophagus. She has a long recovery ahead of her but the good news is there is no sign the cancer had spread. Michele's experience makes us even more grateful for our own continuing good health.

Our best wishes to each of you for a happy and healthy 2011. Remember to check our website at [www.heathsmith.com](http://www.heathsmith.com) for all our family news throughout the year.

*Stephany & Dennis*

