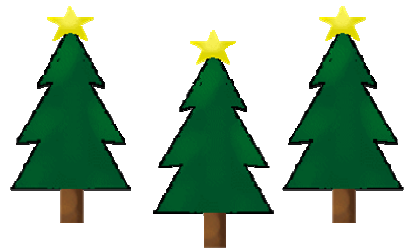


Dear Friends and Family



We have much to be thankful for this year.



In May our delightful granddaughter Sydney was born joining her sister Ellery and parents Aden and Kim Smith.

Ellery is three and attends preschool at Village Montessori. Her new title is "Preschool Girl" which she insists that everyone call her!



Our grandson Heath, son of Devon Smith Toomey and her husband, Jeremy, is now eighteen months old and a very smart and handsome little boy indeed.



On a sadder note we lost Colin's dog, Echo, who had been a faithful member of the family for almost fifteen years. He was such a great dog and we all miss him very much.

2007 also turned out unexpectedly to be the year of the new Fords for us. Our old vehicles were getting worn and suddenly expensive repairs lurked on the horizon. In June Dennis got a 2007 Ford Ranger to replace his old truck and in August Stephany was lucky enough to find a 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid. At the same time Devon and Jeremy got a 2007 Ford Freestyle after Jeremy's old Subaru died. That should certainly take care of any new vehicle purchases for awhile!



In October our new Lazy Daze motor home was finally finished and we drove down to the factory in Montclair, California to take possession. For her maiden voyage we made the great circle of national parks and monuments in southern Utah's spectacular red canyon country. It was a wonderful trip and we especially enjoyed it after being RV-less since May when we sold our old Winnebago.

As well as for our family, we continue to be thankful for our health and each other. Dennis is still working as a chaplain for hospice three days a week and Stephany continues her hard work as a professional retiree again this year.



Our best wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2008. Remember to check our web site www.heathsmith.com for all our latest family news throughout the year.