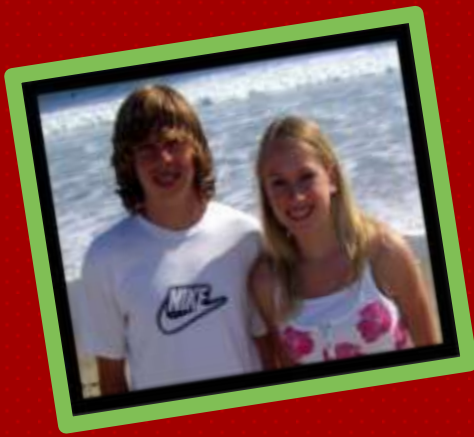


# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



I saw that! You rolled your eyes the second you noticed this was a Christmas Letter. As if the people who write them, automatically assume everyone is just dying to know all the details of their year. Well relax; *this one's* different because we know that you really **DO** want to know, so I've expanded it to 2 PAGES! Besides, it's been our Family Tradition for the past 11 yrs. We look forward to reflecting back on the year & sharing our adventures with everyone, but if you'd rather be on our "Do Not Send List" please just let us know! If not, or in case you may have missed one, ALL of our Christmas letters on our online family blog: [www.RadtkeChristmas.BlogSpot.com](http://www.RadtkeChristmas.BlogSpot.com)

## '08 WAS SIMILAR TO '07 ACCELERATED!

This year has been by far, the busiest, craziest & quite simply, the best year to date. God's "wonderful" blessings and His provision never cease to amaze us.

Although we've been blessed for the past 18 yrs. attending Carson Valley Calvary Chapel, in February, we felt led to go to High Sierra Fellowship instead, who welcomed our family with such loving, open arms. We love it and it was so apparent that the Lord had His precious hand in it all, as He has blessed us all beyond measure there, and we're so grateful for that.

We took the kids to the San Diego Zoo for their first time. It's huge!! The cute orangutans are so fascinating and were our family's favorite animal to watch.

The kids spent hours laughing & jumping the waves at Newport & Huntington Beach this summer.

As usual, Disneyland was a blast, although next time we're going to go when it's "off season" and not nearly as hot or crowded.

We went on our yearly camping trip to Twin Lakes, CA. once again. We always have such a great time: just visiting, playing games, swimming, riding bikes, hiking, etc. The time spent with our family & treasured friends never seems to be long enough & this time was no exception.

Glen & I celebrated 25 yrs. of dating in Oct. (17 yrs. of marriage) and how did we mark this special occasion you may ask? Well, I had a few fabulous places in mind. We went on an amazing cruise for our honeymoon and I've always longed to go again, another idea I thought would be perfect was a trip to a Hawaiian Island that we haven't been to yet! I proposed these absolutely ingenious ideas to Glen. . . . . But somehow (which I'm still scratching my head about) we ended up staying in Downieville, California, in one of our favorite cabins . . . of course, I LOVED it very much! We "ALL" had a wonderful time. Yep; you read that correctly; we took the kids with us since we couldn't imagine celebrating this special time without them. Oh and not to mention that we weren't too thrilled with the idea of leaving our two *perfect* "AHEM", teenagers home ALONE without adult supervision!

We want you all to know that although this is just another mass produced letter from us again, we're truly thinking & praying for each one of you.

Please take a minute to make our Christmas extra special just by sending us a note sharing what you've been up to. We always look forward to it.

In the meantime, it's our prayer that this Christmas season will bring you much joy and that you're able to spend time with both family and friends. Remember to take time to thank God for all that He has blessed you with.

**"Merry Christmas" From the Radtke Family**

