



# 圣诞快乐 (Merry Christmas!)

Nin hǎo! The recently enlarged Rengert family is reveling in God's blessings and peace this Christmas season, and wishes the same for you! This has been an amazing year for our family, full of accomplishment, change, growth and the blessing of being part of God's work.



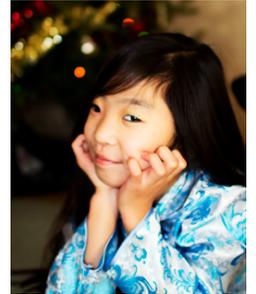
Graffiti on the Great Wall of China

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Christianna joined Mom & Dad on the epic journey to China (not Ukraine as we intended last year) to get little sister Bethany (Zhu Yan, through Holt International). We've endeavored to chronicle the adventure on our website, so will invite you to read about it there and try here to describe the rest of our year and the blessings our Lord has bestowed.



Homeschooling has continued to be the main focus of effort for Coleen and the kids, and with a new vocational emphasis for the boys this year. Ben's interest is forensic science/law enforcement, while Brandon's is veterinary science/technology. They're using several college level textbooks in those

areas to supplement their standard subjects, with the intention of working or volunteering part-time in those fields throughout the remainder of high school. It has made 10<sup>th</sup> grade more work, & more fun too!



Benjamin, Brandon and Anna have all been growing like weeds, to the point where we're afraid to turn our heads. They've continued to work very hard in Taekwondo (4-5 days/wk), and just one week after our return from China all passed their black belt test! It's hard to express how proud we are of them for achieving such a significant goal already, and thankful for their instructors who've worked just as hard.

Our plans to relocate to southern MD in January have been postponed to spring, or thereabouts, due to several factors, but all-told it seems appropriate to adjust to life as a family of six before taking that on. We were blessed to be presented with a home rental/purchase opportunity in Prince Frederick that seems like a great fit! Meanwhile, if

you're looking to buy or rent a great house in the Twin Cities...

Chris' work continues to be a blessing also, and thanks to his customer's advocacy was promoted this summer. The most intense phase of the program for him has been underway since summer, and will likely continue to next summer. He's the only gov't rep on the program approved for overtime, and has been putting in quite a bit, but it's just a phase and the additional funds have come at a welcome time. The contractor's work in MN has transitioned to NY already, so he will be traveling there often and working from a home office until we move. Traveling from here is easier, so things seem to work for now.



Throughout the year there have been challenges to be sure, but we are indeed blessed to trust in the Lord, and are thankful for His peace and contentment. He is an awesome God indeed!

*May the Lord's love & blessings  
fill and sustain you!*

*Chris, Coleen,  
Brandon, Benjamin,  
Christianna & Bethany*

He will not let your foot slip. He who watches over you will not slumber. Psalm 121:3