

Merry Christmas (slightly belated) and Happy New Year from the Long family!
With Love, Steve, Kim, Cliff & Sammy

(We've decided to "go green" this year by sending this electronically.)

Please read on if you want, or just know that we're thinking of you during this wondrous holiday season!)

Hearty 2010 holiday greetings from the Cincinnati Longs! Here are some family highlights:

Family overall

- Special times with family are great – we are blessed to be so close physically and personally with immediate and extended family members
- We enjoyed the Cline reunion for a week in Northern Kentucky
- The three “boys” had a great time playing church softball together again, with Cliff leaving us mid-season for the new job
- Ping pong matches with both kids are too close – they’re beating their dad as often, or more often, than he’s beating them

Steve

- Continues to enjoy the “partially retiring” lifestyle
- 12th year of independent research consulting – many wonderful aspects to this arrangement
- Lots of fun playing the guitar and worshipping with several congregations
- Continuing “Job Search Learning Labs” for those in job transition. These efforts involve providing technical learning opportunities plus networking. If you know someone who’s looking for new jobs, they can check out some of our efforts here, even if they live outside the Cinci area www.jobsearchlearninglabs.wikidot.com Steve has the privilege of working with a great Steering Team on this endeavor!
- Special visits to family and friends in Phoenix, San Diego, Chicago, Minnesota and Canada
- Completed a “bucket list” item by making it to Alaska – the last of the 50 to visit! Great visit with nature and time together with Kim, plus lots of fun picture-taking...

Kim

- Forest-Aires efforts with singing, dancing and organizing (her committee work)
- Participates in a women’s book group on a monthly basis
- Traveled to Amish Country with her dad, mom and sister
- Church bell ringing continues
- Periodically sings as part of the ConnXions contemporary worship music group
- Coordinating volunteer calendar for Discovery Shop (Cancer Society re-sale shop) plus works at the shop a couple of times a month
- Working on video projects together with Steve – we had a lot of fun doing this one for a good buddy and WW II veteran of 52 missions
- Was a great tour guide during the 17 day trip to Alaska that she and Steve took

Cliff

- Landed his first “real job” in his intended field – he’s doing computer science efforts for Benefit Concepts in Toledo, OH, so he’s close to the NW Ohio Long family!
- Helped out volunteering at Job Search Learning Labs while looking for jobs
- Continues enjoying gaming with friends and euchre playing
- Has hosted his dad a few times already (they found a great diner right across the road!)
- Contributed to a successful Blessings, Interests and Gifts survey with our church
- Helped with computer projection system for ConnXions contemporary worship

Sammy

- Senior standing at University of Cincinnati, majoring in middle school teaching with a focus on English, Social Studies and Math

- Working hard and making the UC Dean's List regularly
- Student teaching upcoming, with two days a week at Silverton Padeia 5th grade starting in January
- Annual SWAP mission trip with Steve and 20+ others to Appalachian area
- Emma and he have been dating for well over 2 years now
- Loves Ultimate Frisbee playing plus workouts at the rec center/gym

Here's hoping the peace and love that Christ shared with us on earth is part of your holiday season and throughout the year!

With much love,

The Longs – Steve, Kim, Cliff & Sammy

P.S. In case you like viewing photos, here's a location with some additional shots. You'll need to give the password: Longs <http://2010longfamilyhighlights.shutterfly.com/>