



### December 2006

This has been a very busy year. After months of renovations to our home, Barbara and Kiersten invited themselves along on David's business trip to Denmark. We rounded out the trip with a weekend in Iceland. The Northern Lights were a disappointment but the geysers and waterfalls were spectacular.

Easter and Kiersten's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday were celebrated in North Carolina with David's family. We rented an RV for the week and took our time driving home. Kiersten had the time of her life feeding zebras, giraffes and camels in Natural Bridge, Virginia. We also learned that camels like the taste of fingers. We made an unscheduled stop at the Crayola Factory in PA, and Kiersten thoroughly enjoyed the Hershey Chocolate Tour. Our camping season stretched from a rainy April to a frosty October. We gave our pop-up camper quite a workout with multiple trips to New Hampshire over the summer.

Kiersten had many firsts this year. August brought us day camp for a week, and in September she started at both the Sudbury Cooperative Pre-School and the Mass Audubon's Pathfinders program. Just prior to the start of school, we vacationed in San Diego. Even though the temperatures were unbearably hot, we visited the San Diego Zoo, Wild Animal Park, Disneyland and Legoland. Kiersten drove a miniature car at Legoland. She spent most of her day at Disneyland chasing characters for autographs. Kiersten even met Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother at dinner.

Besides our weeklong adventure in April, we made several trips to North Carolina. In July, David visited his sister Helen whose health was deteriorating. It turned out to be a very memorable trip for David as Helen was the best she had been. In August, we all returned after Helen passed away from her extended battle with breast cancer. In November, we were back again, but this time it was to celebrate Ashley's (David's oldest niece) wedding. Kiersten was the flower girl, and for a 3 year old in an evening wedding, she was extremely well behaved.

After the wedding, David returned home to work while Barbara and Kiersten traveled to Williamsburg with Barbara's parents. Kiersten enjoyed having her National Parks Passport stamped and she treasures the badges she earned through the Junior Ranger program.

We are rounding out the end of the year by staying home for the holidays. During a reenactment of the Polar Express at the Hobo Railroad, Barbara injured her knee. Although her injury improves we must wait until January to know the extent of the damage.

Barbara continues to be a stay-at-home mom. David will have completed 8 years with Vitesse in March. We already have trips planned for 2007, including Disney World in January, a week of camping in New York in May, David's 20<sup>th</sup> High School reunion in July and a trip over Thanksgiving.

Check out photos from our various adventures this past year at:  
<http://www.millersonline.net/christmas/pictures.html>

Sincerely,  
The Millers

