

THE HARWOODS 2007

To all our Friends and Family

We trust this letter finds you healthy and this year! Our 2007 has been packed with highlights starting with Catherine's Auntie visiting in February. The obligatory Grand was visited yet again and we enjoyed seeing the snow and elk, and enduring an 8 hour drive home due to the snow! March bought Sam's 11th birthday and the pre-teen attitude with it (only kidding). As the spring approached us, the infamous BBQ Island was completed much to Catherine's relief. She gained one husband back at the weekends!

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Matthew wrapped up pre-school for the summer and Gran came to visit us for 6 weeks and accompanied us to our first trip to Las Vegas.

We all had a great time despite the dodgy hotel, 100F+ temps and the boys having to put up with the "gambling birds". During Gran's visit we also visited Flagstaff and the Tonto Natural Bridge with their resident apricot chomping Javelinas. Gran's flight was cancelled due to a security alert in London, so she ended up getting another week with us!



As the summer approached we escaped to Central California for our vacation. We went via Death Valley (where it nearly killed the car!) and we stayed at Avila Beach where we were reminiscent of our UK Holidays by spending the week wrapped up in towels on the beach as it

was so cold! The boys still went swimming in the sea and built the obligatory sand castles. We also went whale watching and was privileged to see several whales, loads of sea lions and see Catherine get Sunburnt.



August began the school year, with Matthew starting kindergarten and Sam moving schools to Foothills Academy to provide him with more challenges. Both are doing very well at school this year, with Matthew trying to remain on "Good Job Green" every day. Catherine joined the PTA for Matthews school and seems busier than ever now.

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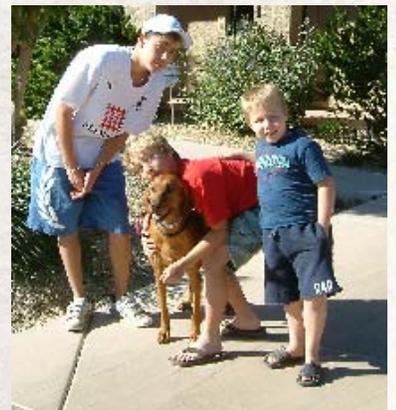
Trevor's job is going well and he had and ended up in Canada, Florida, Mexico home more, which Catherine is not quite Matthew has just had his (adult) tonsils and was some wild animal snoring in his room every night! It made for some sleepless nights when we were on Holiday.

November bought us our third visitors of the year, Trevor's Mum and Dad and our nephew Michael. The Grand Canyon was yet again graced with our presence! With the current weak Dollar, they enjoyed some very cheap shopping! During their visit, we also babysat our friends dog 'Stella'. Catherine was thinking of getting a dog of our own and although Stella was as good as gold and great fun, Catherine has decided not to get a dog after all (phew).



Matthew turned 6 in December and decided on taking his friends to the movies and then out for a big lunch. He was very fortunate to have his grand parents over for his big day.

He got a Metal Detector for his birthday and went out treasure hunting in the wash. The photo shows the "treasure" he found!



So our biggest news of the year, is we are now licensed to foster. We endured 10 weeks of training, countless paperwork and an 8 month time span before getting our license. We are expecting a call any day to help out our first foster child.....more news on that to come in 2008.

If you can't come and visit us in person next year, you can always visit us on the Internet at www.theharwoodfamily.com We try our best to keep it updated. Check out our website for our E-mail addresses and keep in touch.

We all wish you are very merry Christmas and prosperous 2008 and hope to hear from you soon.

All our best - Trevor, Catherine, Sam and Matthew