

News of the Urbana Neradts, Christmas 2007

Greetings, family and friends,

The past year has been filled with changes for our family. Our Father in heaven has been faithful and kind to us through this season of change, teaching us to trust him at all times and giving us many blessings to praise him for.



The biggest change this year was the expansion of our family with the birth of Esther Joy on August twelfth. Esther arrived two weeks before her due date; she measured in at six pounds, eleven ounces and nineteen inches long. The first weeks of adjustment were challenging, but now that Esther is a little older, it is a pleasure to interact with our bundle of joy. It is exciting to watch her look around inquisitively and to observe her learning how her body works.

Along with Esther's birth came Hanna's transition from student to housewife and mother. She was able, by the grace of God, to deposit her dissertation four days before Esther was born. University of Illinois conferred her degree in October so she is officially Dr. Mom.

Brian also had a job change this year, though his was unplanned. With profits down, Motorola continued layoffs and site closures, which included the branch in Champaign. God provided a new job for Brian at a software security firm named Argus. We are glad we can stay in Urbana, and Brian is enjoying both what he does and the work environment at his new job.



Our scenery changed a little this year with two short vacations in addition to the usual trips to visit our parents. One vacation was a camping trip in Shawnee National Forest of southern Illinois, and the other was a trip to Wisconsin and Minnesota to visit Ann and the Joel VanderZee family. We also enjoyed visits from many who traveled to see us, and we are blessed to have (and to have had in the case of David) siblings living in town. David even lived in our home for two months during his job transition from Motorola to Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Even our church family has changed this year, with the relocation of three couples who were good friends of ours. We still have good fellowship at church, though, and we are glad that the solid, biblical preaching of Pastor Shea has *not* changed. Even more than that, we are grateful to know the One who does not change. May you too know Jesus as your Saviour and trust him in the midst of the changes of life.

Love,

Brian, Hanna and Esther Neradt

