

*Greetings* from the Duerm family! We hope that this letter finds you in good health and joyful spirit, and that 1992 fills your heart with warm memories. We have had both a wonderful and hectic 1992 with the addition of our second boy, Brock. I'm sure that 1993 will prove to be a year of many surprises.

This Christmas is bringing back a host of childhood memories. Tony, nearly three, now grasps the reality that Santa Claus will be heading down our chimney in less than week, and sings "...Santa Claus is coming...to TOWN." Of course, he also understands all too well the commercial side of Christmas. In response to each Saturday morning commercial, he looks at us with longing eyes and says "Santa bring me that for Christmas?!" Well...let's just say that we'd suggest you purchase stock in Toys 'R Us.

Brock, now eight months old, is also coming into his own. He recently discovered the joy of mobility, and can chase the cat down the hall at lightning speed (for a crawl, that is). He is also pulling himself up on the kitchen chairs, and has the bruises from each subsequent fall to prove it. Brock has been a more difficult baby than Tony, but Julie says that since he has Brian's looks, he must have also inherited the same personality.

As for the two of them together, we've been very lucky. Tony has remained gentle with Brock, and except for the occasional fight over a toy, or need for immediate attention, has accepted him into the family. The picture below pretty much sums up their relationship.



Julie is still enjoying, or at least surviving, the life of staying home with the boys. When the kids aren't occupying 100 percent of her time, she spends time with neighborhood volunteer work and with other mothers from Tony's preschool.

As for Brian, "Same 'ol, same 'ol." He's survived two scathing layoffs that have hit Compaq very hard. Despite the added workload, he still enjoys the work and hopes to remain there.

We'll admit that it is often difficult being so far away from family, but we try to travel north as often as possible to see everyone.

We hope your holiday season is filled with many blessings.

Love,

Brian, Julie, Tony, and Brock