

JENNIFER



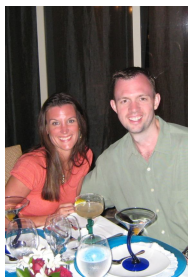
Relaxing



Halsted Formal

Jennifer spent another year keeping the family together and expertly homeschooling the litter. Her biggest project was selling the house—which Jenn did without even using a realtor! She continues to enjoy reading & exercising, and loves our new church & small group in Durham. Eric has noticed that with chronologic maturity, Jenn has required far less sleep—thus her early-morning devotionals have been an inspiration to all of us this year!

On the lighter side, Jenn enjoyed upstate New York w/ the Floyds, Felicita Resort in PA w/ Eric, a 12th anniversary get-away to Jamaica, a week on the beach w/ the Floyds, Helms, & Peytons at the Outer Banks, rafting in Indonesia, Colonial Williamsburg w/ Brian & Jeri, Atlanta w/ Mom & Courtney Burton, Gulfport w/ the Helms, and visits at home from brother Don, Dad, the Floyds, sister Sheri & family, Kevin & Laura, Trinity & Alex, Kandi Helms, & Paulina.



12th in Jamaica



Telaga Waja, Bali

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Moving to Durham, North Carolina



Elephant Spiderman Ninja Cowboy



Flower Girls & Ring Bearers

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Hanly 2009 Christmas? Letter



Bleeding Duke Blue for Christmas

OK, I know it's February. Even the most disorganized among you will have long since put away all the holiday paraphernalia. We certainly have, and if this letter was Jenn's responsibility, you would, no doubt, have received it before Thanksgiving rather than after Valentine's Day! Anyway, other than being a little busy selling their house in Baltimore, moving to North Carolina, & gallivanting all over the world as usual, the Hanlys are well.



At Home in Durham, NC

ERIC



w/ Dr Cameron



On Call w/ Cody

It was a year full of milestones for Eric. Nine years after finishing medical school, he finally finished surgical residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in June. To round out his surgical training to an even decade, Eric elected to do one year of specialty training in laparoscopic & bariatric surgery at Duke University. Eric also passed the surgery board exams (what an ordeal!), officially making him a Board-Certified General Surgeon. He is really excited about using these newly acquired credentials in his first "real" job as a general, trauma, & laparoscopic/bariatric surgeon in Grand Junction, Colorado, beginning in August—oh to go West again!

Other "big" events for Eric included being Best Man at brother Kevin's wedding to Laura in Annapolis; officiating Sam Shih's wedding in Bali, Indonesia; & flying to Perth, Australia for his granddad's memorial. Eric was reminded this year of God's willingness to go to great lengths to draw us close to him.



Duke MIS Fellows BJ, Phil, & Jin

MICAL



Riding Nicki Cowgirls w/ Emmy

Mical decided to write her own synopsis of 2009: “Last year [after selling our house] we lived in Ms. Mimi’s house [behind the Floyd’s farm]. Micah, Jojo, & I played in two recitals. We went to the beach with our friends. We moved to North Carolina, and I turned 8. I played tennis. I played soccer. We went to Peter and The Wolf in Baltimore and The Nutcracker Ballet in Raleigh. My best friend in Durham is Sierra. Sierra is 7. I am reading The Boxcar Kids, Nancy Drew, Rebekah in Danger, & the Narnia Series. My favorite movie is Bolt.”

Mical loved living on the Floyd farm, and especially enjoyed learning to ride Nicki, the Floyds’ pony. In addition to school, sports, piano & violin, Mical is learning to cook—she’s become quite the little helper in the kitchen. I say “little,” but the reality is that Mical is now almost as tall as her mom! She remains the leader of the sibling pack, using her persuasive powers for good—mostly.



Reading to Her Siblings

MICAH



6th Birthday Baseball w/ Hunter

Micah enjoyed turning 6 and lost 3 teeth in 2009. The highlight for him was also Floyd farm life—weeding the garden, cleaning the barns, & shoveling manure! Micah took over his father’s one household chore: garbage & recycling—turns out he’s much more reliable than dad. It’s amazing watching him roll those huge bins to the curb.

In Baltimore, Micah ended up being the star player on his little league Orioles baseball team (thanks to the coaching of neighbor Dave), though he had to play a few games left-handed after breaking his arm playing football! Micah also enjoyed soccer in Durham in the fall. For the new house in North Carolina, Micah enjoyed helping Dad assemble new bunk beds, a basketball hoop, and a ping pong table! Micah loved it that Dad bent the rules a little and took him to see Avitar—which he loved! In school, he enjoys “spelling & recess.” Micah’s favorite toy is the Leatherman he got for Christmas.



McCade/Josiah/Micah—Go Pokes!

JOSIAH



Snackin’ @ OBX Sprayground

Temporally, Josiah turned 4 in 2009, but spiritually, he was reborn as he asked Jesus to live in his heart! Josiah really loved flying kites w/ his dad at the Outer Banks, as well as trampoline bungee jumping at the mall. Josiah learned to swim at the Duke Faculty Club this summer, and even did a belly flop off the high dive (ouch!). He was slated to play soccer in the fall, but broke his leg pretending the stairwell to the basement of the new house was also the high dive (double ouch!).

Josiah remains animated and artistic—he especially loves to sing and dance. In addition to singing at his siblings’ spring home school recital, he played in his first piano recital this December. He sat perfectly still/silent, totally engrossed through a full-length performance of Tchaikovsky ballet The Nutcracker with the Helms in December. Josiah loves the Museum of Life & Science. He really misses Paulina, but also loves his new babysitter, Ms. Reyna.



Cameron Indoor



Nutcracker Ballet

RACHEL



Lookin’ Cool Outer Banks

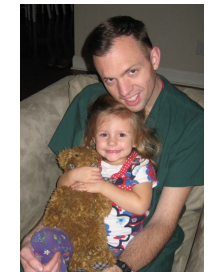
Rachel or “Ray-BEE-nee,” as her dad has nicknamed her, turned 3 in November. While in Baltimore, she enjoyed music class w/ Jeri on “Mimi Days” as well as visits to see Grandpa (her great-grandfather) at the VA nursing home. Unfortunately, at the age of 95, Grandpa died a few weeks ago, so Rachel’s photo with him will be our last. Of all the kids, Rachel had the most special bond with Grandpa, as he watched and entertained her for the first two years of her life while he was living with us at our home in Baltimore.

Rachel remains an extremely affectionate little girl (she absolutely loves to cuddle!), though she insists on being called a “bigirl” now that she is potty trained. That’s right, after 8½ years of continuously having a child (or 2) in diapers, the Hanly household is officially a diaper-free home!

Rachel’s favorite things include “rocking out” w/ Josiah, CandyLand, coloring, & visiting the sprayground.



w/ Grandpa



Snuggling Daddy