



Happy Holidays from the Heisel Family



If you don't know yet, we had our fifth child [Elizabeth Ann Heisel – Libby is what we call her] on February 23, 2003 via c-section. Highlights this year besides Libby's arrival were two weddings; Paul's sister Lona got married in June, and so did Deb's sister Sarah in November. We also made the trek to Ohio for Thanksgiving with Deb's family. My father, James Heisel, is still battling cancer and we're hopeful the chemotherapy is working. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Paul

Paul continues to write as much as he can and finished his first screenplay, a science fiction movie. He continues to pursue publishing his novel, First Frontier. His major project this year was making a loft bed for James, which he admits turned out wonderful. On the work front at FM Global, he's still an Account Manager; basically playing golf, arranging lunches, and having meetings. He's not very good at golf, but he's pretty good at ordering wine.

Deb (22)

Same as last year, in case you're wondering; and she asked me to spice up her paragraph. Deb recently entered the Witness Protection Program for her testimony against the Starbuck's crime syndicate. Although they will be making her story into a made for TV movie, we can't give you any details as we fear waking up one morning with a dead mocha in our bed. She spends lots of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but most of all likes to [REDACTED].

Rachel (11-1/2)

She's enjoying 6th grade and is finding the homework requirements to be quite challenging. It's good preparation for Junior High next year. Her favorite event this year was her birthday (so she says), where she spent time with her mom and her friends. The arrival of Libby is high on her list as well, and Rachel's been a great big sister. This year, she earned a laptop and is slowly getting accustomed to using a computer more often. She tells us the best thing about the two weddings we went to is seeing all the family.

Robbie (10)

Rob is in fourth grade now and there is no limit to this kid's imagination. He told me one day his favorite word was "deer" because that's where beef comes from, and that's where he gets his favorite food: hamburgers. We watch the Simpsons together and just laugh out loud sometimes at their antics. Rob is doing well in school and he manages to bring home good marks, so we're very proud of him. Dinosaurs still rule his world, of course, so anything dino-esque is cool. We're still not sure what planet Robbie is from, but we are hoping the mother ship will return someday to take him back home.

James (8)

James is in second grade and is a very social kid. He's doing well in school and is still a math whiz. He played soccer, baseball, and basketball this year again. He enjoys video games and video game strategy, and manages to master any game he gets his hands on. James makes friends very easily and is always willing to play and interact. We went to Waterworld this year in Colorado and James was a maniac, riding all the scary rides that go really fast. And being so slight, there were a few times he was FLYING.

Joseph (5-1/2)

Joe is finally in Kindergarten and is doing well learning all those ABC's and numbers. Now that he is no longer the youngest, he has decided to be stubborn and persistent. If there is something that he doesn't want to do, I can't think of a power on earth that can make that kid move. Joe likes basketball and baseball, and he does well in both sports. He's that kid who always hustles, runs, does what he's told, and listens to the coaches. Now if we could get him to do that at home. He's a great kid and has lots of fun.

Libby (9 months)

She crawls. And crawls. And crawls. Her vocabulary is limited to Da-da-da-da-da, but that's okay with the writer of this letter. She certainly is a doll, and is a great baby. Libby is always happy and quite content to hang around and play on the ground. She's pulling herself up, so don't be surprised if she starts walking soon.



Season's Greetings

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE HEISEL FAMILY

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Joe

Rachel

Deb
And
Libby

James

Robbie

Paul

Libby's Baptism Day



Get well Grandpa Jim

We love you Grandpa Bob



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*Merry
Christmas*

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