



*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2005*

**From The Haslams of Sandy Utah!**

As 2004 comes to a close we pause and give thanks for the blessings we enjoy, in particular we are grateful for our children and the things they are doing and the people they are becoming. Soon the twins will graduate High School and perhaps before long the nest could be empty. We wish you the best this Holiday Season as we give thanks for the birth and mission of our Savior and look forward to the opportunities of 2005.



**Robert** (23). Is continuing his studies at the University of Utah where he is pursuing a double major in Business and Japanese. He expects to graduate in December 2005. In May he spent four weeks on a study abroad program at Shinshu University in Nagano Japan. While there he was able to visit many people he met while serving as a missionary including the Iwaki and Fukuoka families and President Whitesides. For a time he served as 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor in the ward Elder's quorum presidency and is now serving in the primary with the 9-10 year old boys.

**Jared** (20) is presently serving as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the New Mexico Albuquerque mission. He had a great trainer in Elder Landon from Idaho Falls, Idaho as he served in Farmington, New Mexico. While there Sister Culler was like a second mom to him. From there it was on to the Sage Ward in Albuquerque where the Giras family was most supportive of the missionaries. Next was a short stop in Placitas Canyon north of Albuquerque. Placitas was a long canyon full of expensive homes. Today Jared is serving in Grants New Mexico, up in the mountains west of Albuquerque. Jared has had several wonderful experiences and has been able to see several people enter the waters of baptism. As district leader he wrote, "It's great to be able to do baptismal interviews and see the quality of people who are joining the church". We are grateful for the opportunity to support his missionary efforts and for the blessing of having President Koyle lead his mission.



**Michael** (17-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) is 6-1" tall. Michael was recently chosen as Hillcrest High School's Sterling Scholar nominee in mathematics. He now goes on to compete with those from other high schools in the area. He has been taking calculus 3 at Salt Lake Community college since he has exhausted all mathematics classes at Hillcrest. He is the most helpful of all our children and will take on most tasks without complaint. He plans to pursue a degree in engineering and math at a yet to be determined university next fall. Among his choices are USC, Stanford and the University of Utah.

**Angela** (17-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) is 5'-10" tall. Angela completed her volleyball career this fall and was selected to the Academic All-State volleyball team in November. She is now in her senior season of basketball. Her basketball team's goal is to make the state tournament at the end of February. Angie has also enjoyed serving as a member of the Hillcrest High seminary council. Like Michael she has not chosen where to attend school in the fall of 2005.



Please visit our family web site at [www.theHaslams.com](http://www.theHaslams.com) where you can check on Jared's mission activities, Angie's basketball games or just get the current temperature at our home. Berg family members should reserve Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> for the Berg Reunion 2005. Also in 2005 look for 2 new family web sites to debut "theBergs.org" and "theHaslams.org" for sharing family history, news and reunion information.

