



Merry Christmas

From Our Home To Yours May the Joys of Christmas Fill Your Hearts!

We have much to be thankful at this season even as 2005 was not the best for the Haslam's of Sandy Utah. We've grown stronger family ties and love for each other. We had no grand vacations or the swimming pool at Mom's former home to provide leisurely Saturday afternoons to soak up sunshine. Nevertheless through the year we grew together in other ways such as cursing a little white ball that seldom traveled the intended direction. Gone are the days of High School athletics and parent teacher conferences, as we welcomed the days of undecided majors and new friends.

Reed decided in April to write a book. Titled "**Translating Scripture - The Thai Book of Mormon**". It presents the marvelous story of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in the Thai Language. Reed has enjoyed hours on the telephone speaking with Srilaksana Suntarahut in Bangkok. As the principal translator she shared the special events of her life before and during the translation effort. He also found many of the Elders who helped with the translation during the 1970s and enlisted their help in providing details for the story. The book is expected to be printed in February or March 2006. In November Novell decided to change his life by terminating his employment after 14 years. While shocking, since this was the one time he fully expected to survive yet another round of cuts, we are confident that new and more exciting doors will be opened in the not too distant future. He was called as the High Priest's group leader in October. His group of 35 High Priests is a highly talented bunch with loads of remarkable and varied experiences.

Sherry changed jobs and schools at the start of the fall. **She loves her part time secretarial job** at Canyon View Elementary School. She always has stories to tell about working with the children who come into the office each day for help. She serves as the wolf den leader in the cub scouts.

Robert - will **graduate this month from the University of Utah** with degrees in **Business Finance** and **Japanese**. He plans to work for 8 months before starting an MBA program. Among his choices are schools strong in international business including the University of Washington and Thunderbird University in Arizona. He teaches the 9-10 years old boys in primary.

Jared has returned from the Albuquerque New Mexico mission and is **working at Mountain America Credit Union**. He is preparing to attend Salt Lake Community college in January. He teaches the young men in the ward who are preparing to serve missions. He also cares for his sporty white 1991 300ZX twin turbo.

Michael graduated High School in June and is now a junior at the University of Utah where he is pursuing a double major in **Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics**. School does not seem to be much of a challenge for him. He has been ordained an Elder and is preparing to serve a mission after the completion of spring semester in May

Angela graduated High School in June and is now a sophomore at Utah State University where she's been exploring Deaf Education and other fields. She enjoys participating in intramural sports. She loves her roommates and her student ward (USU 42nd ward). Her father spoiled her with a **new blue Mitsubishi Lancer in June that she loves**.

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