



We Wish You a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year 2007

May the Joys of Christmas be with you and your Family



The Haslam's 2006 Adventure began in May just after classes finished at the local universities. We took off for the **Mayan Riviera** just south of **Cancun**. Some hurricane damage could be seen in places (particularly some un-repaired hotels in Cancun), but most things had already been fixed. The highlight of the trip was our visit to the **Mayan ruins of Tulum** and the **Xel-ha Aquatic Park** where Rob and Jared swam with the dolphins.

Reed published his book **"Translating Scripture: The Thai Book of Mormon"** in March. The book

includes the remarkable story of the translation of the Book of Mormon into the Thai Language and other significant events in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Thailand and nearby countries. In November the Church History Library accepted a copy of the book into their permanent archives. Over 300 copies of the book have been distributed to date. [See www.translatingscripture.com].



In October Reed **traveled to Thailand** to join in the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of Thailand for the preaching of the gospel. While there he reunited with old friends, and met new members of the church. He was greatly impressed by the growth of the church in Thailand and the church leaders since his days as a missionary. Pictured here are several of the

returned missionaries in Lumpini Park in Bangkok, which was the site of the dedication in 1966. [See www.theHaslams.com/LDS_Thailand/40th_Anniversary.htm]

At his new job with Northrop Grumman Information Technology he is working on the prototype of the Nationwide Health Information Network, which aims to make medical records sharable across the country in a secure electronic form.

Sherry loves being a part time secretary at **Canyon View Elementary School** where our neighbor serves as the principal. She enjoys helping the children that come into the office and generally has a fun child story to tell each day. She had LASIC surgery in July and the results have been good, as she no longer wears contacts or glasses except to read. She serves as a wolf den leader helping the 8-year-old boys get excited about scouting.





Robert graduated from the University of Utah at the end of 2005. In February he started work at Goldman Sachs (a leading financial services firm for wealthy people). He works in their private banking group in Research Park in Salt Lake City. He has already been promoted to team leader. Robert has been teaching the Blazers in Primary preparing the young men for the Aaronic Priesthood.

Jared continues to work for Mountain America Credit Union where he has been promoted to loan officer at the Fort Union branch. While working full time he is also attending Salt Lake Community College. When not working or studying he can usually be found with Melissa Sharp. His teaching skills are in so much demand that he teaches the high school seniors in Sunday school, and the Elder's Quorum once a month. He also instructs the ward's young men who are preparing for missions.



Michael departed for 2 years of missionary service in June. He is serving in the California Santa Rosa Mission. His first assignment was to the Vacaville 3rd Ward where he and Elder Bennett his trainer baptized Valerie Ward a woman from Great Britain. In October he became senior companion and in November he was transferred to the Middletown Ward in the Ukiah California stake as district leader. His new home is in a rural area northeast of Santa Rosa. He is learning how to work in a rural area and fill his responsibilities as district leader.

Angela misses her twin brother more than most people can imagine. She is in her second year at Utah State University where she is majoring in Elementary Education and Deaf Education (a composite major). She now enjoys conversing with her grandmother in American Sign Language (ASL). She loves the school and the new friends that she makes each year. So far she has not had much bad winter weather to deal with in Logan, which is a real blessing. She was recently called as secretary in the Relief Society in her USU student ward.

