

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From our Home to Yours*

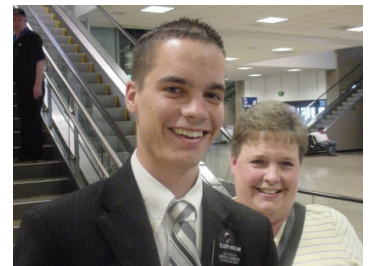
The Haslam highlights for 2008 were the return of Michael from his two years of missionary service in California and the adding a new member to our family in October.

Robert continues to work at Goldman Sachs in Salt Lake. He is presently one step below vice-president. He loves working for Goldman and enjoys the many challenges and opportunities for growth at the company. He is just completing his year of service as the Elder's Quorum President in his single student ward at the University of Utah. Rob currently lives in a basement apartment in Millcreek where he continues to enjoy the single bachelor life.



On October 24, 2008, Jared married Melissa Sharp in the Salt Lake temple. The couple met shortly after Jared returned home from his mission in 2005. It was the "perfect day" and we are grateful to the many people who supported them as they embarked on their new lives together. Jared is a loan officer at the Fort Union branch while Melissa is a loan officer at the Holladay branch of Mountain America Credit Union. Jared is completing his Associate degree in business at Salt Lake Community College and expects to transfer to the University of Utah in 2009 and complete a degree in business finance.

Michael returned from his mission on June 11, 2008. He served as a zone leader for the last 14 months of his mission. In August, Reed and Sherry joined Michael in a return visit to his mission. We met many of the people Michael had worked with including his mission president. We were impressed with the rural feel of much of his mission. We also had no idea how curvy most of the roads were going in and out of Santa Rosa (except Highway 101). We also enjoyed a visit to Jim and Marianne Larsen in nearby Rohnert Park. On the last day of our trip we visited the "Avenue of the Giants" (Redwoods) north of Ukiah. Michael is continuing his studies in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah. He also works part time as a service advisor at "Pep Boys" in Sandy.



Angela is in her 4th year at Utah State University in Logan. She will finish her bachelor's degree next spring and her master's degree in Elementary and Deaf Education in 2010. In November she received her 2nd "A" pin. Each one represents 2 consecutive semesters with 15 hours and a 4.0 average. She had a great opportunity to go to New York over spring break with a group of students from USU. They helped work in soup kitchens and other charitable organizations and saw many of the sights. She loves coaching in Special Olympics (volleyball and basketball) and this year is the finance coordinator on

the management team for the Aggie chapter. She's also enjoyed dating Kevin Hanks a graduate student in sociology and a member of her student ward.

Sherry honed her sewing skills making seven dresses for the wedding. She got some last minute help from some "experts" to get her dress to fit just right. She still loves her job in the office at Canyon View elementary school. As editor of the ward newsletter "Fifth Ward Focus" she formats and adorns the words of others with just the right graphics. She is so good at it she was able to spot an errant "space" in this letter!

Reed has just 7 copies of his book "Translating Scripture: The Thai Book of Mormon" remaining before they are all gone. The experience of authoring a book was great. It brought him into contact with many people he had not known before. He gave a copy to Elder Russell M. Nelson who visited at stake conference in June and received a wonderful letter in return. As High Priest group leader he's been impressed with the good work of the brethren in home teaching and fellowshipping. The best part has been the three brethren who have come back into activity in the group and some others have been strengthened. Reed and the boys have continued their love/hate relationship with the game of golf. With some lessons Reed did improve some at the end of the season. At work, health information exchange (HIE) is a hot area in information technology. Nevertheless with a new administration coming in next year, it is anybody's guess what happens next.

May the Joys of Christmas
Fill your hearts with Happiness and Peace
The Haslam Family

Reed, Sherry, Robert, Jared, Melissa, Michael & Angela



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