

January 2011 Golden, Colorado

We wrote in our last Christmas letter (December 2006!) that, "In so many ways, time and place define us, separate us, and make us who we are." Now it is January 2011 . . . 2011?! Really? . . . Are you serious? . . . I mean, C'Mon Man! Wasn't Y2K just yesterday???

Well, I guess for people of a certain age, that's what happens. Between ...

... Julia moving across the country, Joshua and Lauren having passed their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and soon 5th anniversaries and moving out of the house and then back in, our parents and in-laws each celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, mammograms and bio-identicals, the "oh, you're 50 so you should have a colonoscopy" doctor visits, hosting friends and relatives from all over the country who have made innumerable visits to beautiful Colorado via our guest room filled with Lauren's art and creative energy, the passing of aunts, uncles, great-uncles, and neighbors, the tuition payments, student loans, graduation celebrations, celebrating our own 30th wedding anniversary, trying to get the printer to work over the network, new jobs and old jobs, new cars and old cars, helping friends move, trips to Arkansas and Louisiana, long summer nights on the deck, finally being on the winning side of a presidential election for the first time in a while, the inevitable passing of long-time family pets, Joshua's on-going Remicade treatments for his ulcerative colitis, the daily "what can we have for dinner tonight" grind, football pools and Super Bowl parties, Julia's trips to Africa and China, the trauma of our dad and father-in-law's hurricane-induced broken back, the not-as-many-camping-trips-as we'd like, the new Mac, trips to the grocery store, walks with the dog, and all the everyday things that we do ...

— suddenly, you look up and the better part of a decade has passed. As Al Stewart sang, the "years run too short and the days too fast ... these time passages ... there's something back there you left behind." For us, that "something" is the content of life that has filled our days, having made us who we are and accumulating as memories of who we were, just as the "something" of the present pulls us to who we will be.

We hope that all is well with you and the ones you love. If time brings you close to Denver, it would be great to hear from you. We are at:

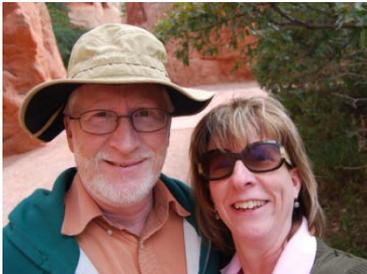
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Julia graduated from the University of Washington in 2009 with a degree in applied math and has been doing graduate work at Emory University. Her MS thesis focuses on modeling the spread of infectious disease. She traveled to China twice this year for her project (collecting snails on one trip!). Next fall she will move to another school to complete a doctorate in ecology, studying species invasion.



Tamra is a long-term care ombudsman. She works as an advocate for resident rights in nursing homes. It's challenging, often confrontational, sometimes heart-breaking, but truly satisfying, as she is really helping people, many times when they need it most. At home she takes care of Chloe and tries to keep everyone in line.



Joshua is a student at the University of Colorado. He will graduate in about a year with degrees in English, Math, and Psychology. He and his partner **Lauren** live with us. You can see her art at laurenhynes.com. Joshua has recently learned to juggle and can do Mill's Mess, the four ball fountain, and the three club cascade!



Kevin is a professor at the Colorado School of Mines, doing research in control theory and robotics. He and his students recently demonstrated a robotic radio relay for underground mine search and rescue. He has also spent time helping his dad with a building project at Aremores and cutting trees for his father-in-law.

