

# New News For The New Year! :D

\*Hot Hubbie Has a **New** Job! YEA!!! (A really **new** job - he began Monday before Christmas.) He was so excited, that he never wore his **new**, black "Bah Humbug" Santa hat this year. He kept saying that he just doesn't feel very "Grinchy" this year; that is **new** to our house during Christmastime. (His 1st week of work went great! He enjoys **being-at-work** working.) This year, Hot Hubbie found a **new** pastime to keep him busy: Boxing. He was able to take out many of his not-so-**new** unemployment aggravations in the ring. Hot Hubbie's **new** task for the **new** year: trying to find a **new** way to juggle work, home, and his calling, and still squeeze in few trips to the boxing gym each week.

\*We **newly** got back from Celebrating the end of 3 yr, 9 mo, 12 d. (but who's counting) of unemployment in Disneyland! We had a wonderful time and Heather almost shed **new** tears when we had to leave D-land, and take off our **new** "I'm Celebrating" buttons.

\*Heather is **new** to being home alone during the day, but is excited for a **new** paycheck (and has a million **new** ways to spend the **new** paycheck-fix the car, fix the shower, fix the pool...) She made a **new** resolution to send out Christmas cards, for the first time ever. (Ok, she missed Christmas, because of our quick trip to D-land, but at least we got **New Years** card out!)

\*Thing 1 (14) is **newly** Brace-less. She continues to create **new** artwork on every **new** piece of paper she can touch. She won the school's **new** art competition last year. She is beginning **new** lessons on the viola soon and is excited to learn **new** techniques.

\*Thing 2(14) is **new** to High School. She has written (or started) hundreds of **new** short stories this year. After years of playing, she found a **new** passion for the flute this year- and earned most improved band member.

\*Toad (8) is **newly** Baptized. He is enjoying his **new** Wolf Cub Scout den and loves learning **new** things-he is the **new** smarty-pants in the family. Toad loves Star Wars, so his D-Land highlight: defeating Darth Vader in a lightsaber duel at the **new** Jedi Training Academy.

\*We are **newly** excited for this **New Year**, and all the **new** opportunities it will bring: **New** start, **New** challenges, **New** schedules, **New** normal, etc...

These past few years have been long and difficult, but we have grown and learned a lot. We are very grateful for all the love and support from friends and family around us. We could not have survived without the love and kindness you have shown us. Many of your small acts of kindness have been answers to our prayers and Tender Mercies sent to us from our Father in Heaven. Your small sacrifice was a huge blessing in our lives and did not go unnoticed; from doctors willing to see us outside the office, to friends surprising us and picking up our date-night tab, to anonymous gifts left on our doorstep, and so many more, each and every one meant that we could endure unemployment for that much longer. We now understand how a tiny inconvenience could mean so much to someone else. We hope that we can always remember those around us, and strive to be, and act, more like our Savior each day. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

We wish you the best for you this **New Year**!

Love,

Hot Hubbie, and Heather,  
Thing 1, Thing 2 and Toad