

Adel-gram...Too

A second generation's CHRISTmas greeting!

December 2007

Dear Loved Ones,

As I find myself neck-deep in this craziest of Christmas seasons, I am frantically looking for a way to effectively, efficiently and creatively catch you up on the what's what of our family and simultaneously send warm wishes to yours.

Somewhere along this quest for the perfect Christmas letter my teacher - mode kicked in, so I'm left with no other choice but to give you a test. Friends and family, sharpen your pencils and put on your thinking caps, and get ready to take the Adelgren Family LOL final exam. Good luck!



1. This year, the Adelgrens traveled to...
 - A. Birmingham, AL for a national taekwondo tournament, in which both kids medaled in their events
 - B. Charleston, SC for the birth of a nephew, Ethan
 - C. Chicago, IL for a conference for Damon and museums, a Cubs game, shopping and fun for Kellie and the kids
 - D. Dillard, GA for a fun time at our favorite cabins joined by much of Damon's family
 - E. Marion, NC for a pre-Christmas and Thanksgiving celebration with all of Damon's family
 - F. all of the above



2. Damon achieved the following this year...
 - A. happily completed his 1st year @ STAR Physical Therapy
 - B. qualified to administer the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), which will be beneficial to him both professionally and personally
 - C. spent many happy hours snapping & editing photos
 - D. wrote, produced and starred in a video for his "Big D" rap single, featuring his "unbelievable" dance moves ☺
 - E. rode Harrison's scooter through his work place & visited clinics in KY & TN dressed as Elvis
 - F. all of the above



3. Kellie spent most of her year...
 - A. packing, unpacking and doing the laundry from all of those trips.
 - B. home schooling Annaleigh, 6th grade, and Harrison, 2nd grade
 - C. driving the kids back and forth to all of their activities
 - D. crying off and on that the Bears didn't win the Super Bowl & that Pirates III: World's End was a bitter disappointment for the end of the trilogy.
 - E. blogging about all of the above (www.homeschoolblogger.com/kellieann)
 - F. all of the above



4. What new activity did Annaleigh begin this year?
- A. taekwondo
 - B. drama, with roles of the Ghost of Christmas Past and Martha Cratchit in a small-town production of The Christmas Carol (also dancing the role of Clara in "The Nutcracker" pre-show)
 - C. taking classes once a week at a home school tutorial in voice and drama
 - D. a small, but growing, jewelry/beading business with a friend
 - E. teaching her parents the meaning of the word "tween"
 - F. all of the above



5. Harrison's proudest accomplishment this year was...
- A. learning to ride a 2-wheel bike in about an hour last March
 - B. learning to swim this summer at Ma and Pa's pool
 - C. earning his black belt after 2.5 years of diligence and hard work in taekwondo
 - D. competing and placing 3rd in Extreme Forms at a National Tournament with a form that he designed and choreographed himself
 - E. his ability to memorize and recite stats, scores and miscellaneous trivia about the teams and players of the NFL
 - F. all of the above



6. Baxter and Bridget...
- A. turned another year older, 17 and nearly 10 respectively
 - B. suffered various expensive maladies, such as Bridget's ear hematoma and Baxter's bladder infection
 - C. have everyone convinced the Adalgrens could adequately run a geriatric home for aging pets
 - D. spend most of their time eating, sleeping and thinking about food
 - E. really don't like Ripley
 - F. all of the above



7. Ripley...
- A. got in trouble at least once everyday.
 - B. is still deathly afraid of Damon
 - C. did not go live with Mimi after all
 - D. regularly provides a lot of entertainment and good blogging material
 - E. really loves Baxter and Bridget
 - F. all of the above



8. This year, we thought we'd stray from the typical family portrait because...
- A. we thought it would be fun ☺
 - B. we were pretending to be a rock band and taking the photo for our album cover
 - C. Kellie ruined a better shot by making the "rock-on" symbol with her fingers
 - D. Annaleigh ruined another good shot by sticking out her tongue.
 - E. Damon likes taking "different" kinds of photography and messin' with them in Photoshop
 - F. all of the above



9. The Adelgrens wish you would...
- A. write them
 - B. e-mail them
 - C. call them
 - D. visit them
 - E. have a blessed Christmas and New Year, full of the love & peace of knowing Christ as your Savior
 - F. all of the above

Well, how'd you do? If you answered *F-all of the above* for every question then you passed with flying colors. If you missed a few, you probably need to invite us over for dinner to get to know us better. We all like filet mignon...

Seriously, we greet each and every one of you with love and affection. You are important to us! If you find yourself undergoing many "tests" and trials lately, we truly pray that you might find peace in your situation. We would love to pray for you and share your burden.

Celebrating God's great
Love through His sent son Jesus,

Damon, Kellie, Annaleigh, Harrison
Baxter, Bridget & Ripley

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