

*We hope this letter finds you happy, healthy, and full of joy this season. Since pictures speak a thousand words, here's a visual summary of our 2011.*



# Hannah



*All year our "big girl" Hannah makes sure we wake up running! She enjoys climbing and jumping off everything! (a 360 backward twist is her new favorite trick!) On a very rare occasion she is still. Look!*

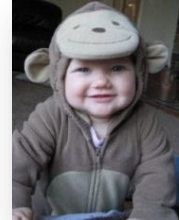
*I even captured it on camera.*



# Kaiya

*Kaiya Leone arrived to our family on January 28<sup>th</sup> and has added non-stop smiles and happiness to our family. We are so grateful for her! We marvel how despite her small size, she has such a large happy presence! We like to call her...*

*"Born to Smile" "Happy Kai Kai" "Sweet Little Sister" ...and "Monkey!"*



*This past year these girls have filled our lives with....*

*piggy-back rides,*



*piggy-front rides,*



*laughter & play*



*...sometimes all at once!*



*We spent lots of time....*

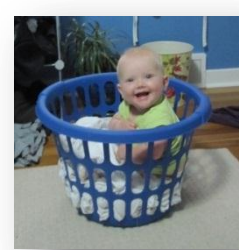
*playing with dollies, dancing in princess dresses,*



*going for bike rides,*



*...And -let's be honest- doing a heck of a lot of laundry!*



*Some nights we have snuggled with beds full of cuties...*



*And some nights we have just craved a good night's sleep!*



*Especially when we know the next day will surely be non-stop action!*



# Mike

*Mike is sooo proud of his little girls. He helps them learn about the world and have fun as much as possible! Mike is also still working hard towards tenure as an Engineering Professor at the U of Idaho and doing a fantastic job! Recently Mike has added music to our lives as a*



*DJ once a week for KVOZ 89.3 FM Moscow. Stream it live and make a request! He plays great music [www.kuoi.org](http://www.kuoi.org)*



# Brooke

*Brooke is continually surprised how much she enjoys having little girls in the house. She enjoys teaching badminton twice a week at the University and working part time for a program called Safe Routes to School. As the Moscow Coordinator, she works with city and school leaders to make walking and biking to school safer for kids. She enjoys encouraging kids to be active and healthy and has made great friendships with those she works with in the community.*



*Brooke also feels very fortunate to have found some good Mommy friends in Moscow which makes all the difference between a happy and a not-so-happy Mommy.*



*Thank you to all our friends and family who have helped us along the way this year! We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and wonderful 2012!!!*



*With love from:  
DJ Daddy,*

*Hannah our little stinker,  
Brooke the Busy Mommy,  
& Kaiya our Love Bug!*

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