



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours!

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Family and Friends we hope and pray your Christmas Season is special, We had another busy year. Full sized photos at [http://www.walden3d.com/photos/...](http://www.walden3d.com/photos/) We were at home last Christmas and joined by Roice & Sarah, Sara Ellen & Tim, and Rob (1). I had fun opening presents (2), and we went to see Lucy (3). Rob is at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, and still manages to cheer us up often (4). Andrea redid the office (5), which quickly became very comfortable clutter (6-8). We went to London in February for meetings with John Doran (Roc Oil), and we decided we want to bring the Grandkids to see the Globe Theatre (9). Andrea stood me in front of my Hyde Park basement missionary apartment (10). Sophie Waldron & Halle Wright met in February (11). Andrea's Dad was posthumously honoured at SUU's Founder's Day (12). It was fun to see family: Janneke & Heather (13); Mom & Mavane (14); Russell, Robert, Andrea, & Randy (15); Andrea, Mom, Steve, & Russell (16); Claude, Zach, Michael, Nicki, & Uncle Lloyd (17); Uncle Tony (18); and others. I made a panorama of the farm I grew up on (19). We went to Calgary and saw Ethan (20), and Ben & Sarah (21), who then moved to Birmingham. John Doran hired me to visit his offices in Beijing, where I went through the new Beijing airport for the first time (22), and Sydney, where I met John's wife, Delores (23), and spent time with him (24). John had a heart attack in June and died. It has been a great loss for me, even more from a friendship standpoint than financially. Early morning Seminary, walking ladies, and pig races (25) keep Andrea busy. Andrea taught Japanese the first half of the year, and her students won at the Japanese festival (26). I gave a keynote talk at Colorado School of Mine's Reservoir Characterization Project, and we went to the Denver Temple (27). We made it to Vidor several times this year, including for Taylor's dance recital [see Halle, Jared, Colby, Melanie, me, Sara, and Tim (28)]. Melanie & the kids (& Rob) evacuated to Katy after Ike. We were especially glad to welcome Matt back from his year in Iraq (29 & 30) and to see Sophie, Audrey, and Joshua (31). We attended the EAGE in Rome, spending time with our friends John and Susan Walker (32). On the way back, I had meetings in Helsinki (33). Both Andrea and I fell in love with Finland. It feels like home. Then I taught a school in Mexico City. We took Matt, stayed for a long weekend with our friends Mike & Susan Reed, visiting Aztec ruins (34), and other archaeological sites down town (35). Matt was home for his birthday (36). Hurricane Ike gave us 36 bags of debris, and an opportunity to help folks in the area, in The Woodlands, in Galveston, and in Bridge City (37). We helped host the Hafen Reunion at Pinto (38) and introduced <http://hafen.walden3d.com>. Then I introduced <http://nelson.walden3d.com> to the Nelson's at Darryl Krueger's house (39). Andrea blew me away on my birthday with a quilt she spent 3 years making (40). Rob, Ben, Sarah, Ethan, Jared, Melanie, & Colby joined us at a Aeros hockey game after Thanksgiving (41). Roice & Sarah, and Taylor & Hallie were also with us for Thanksgiving. Rachel is engaged (42), and we had dinner Garret and Andrea's family in Cedar City (43) before the SEG in Las Vegas. After the SEG we visited Sara at Berkley where she is getting an MBA (44). Heather joined us for dinner (45), and we went over to Sacramento to visit Heather on Saturday, taking lots of photos, including sunset under the Golden Gate Bridge (47). We saw Paul this year, and not Kate, Grant, Ella, and Dallin, so they sent us a photo to include (46). Next year we will make up for slacking off. Paul's family moved to the Logan area for a new job as a rocket scientist.

With Love, *Roice & Andrea*