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Mountain Tripping

In February we made one of several trips to Breckenridge, this time with Laurie's sister Karin and brother-in-law Dave. It's fun to get away to Breck - even if we aren't skiing - to just relax, do some window shopping and experience some of the local restaurants.



From the Paper to the Tube

Due to layoffs and after 9 1/2 years at the Denver Newspaper Agency, Brian was laid off in May. With a few weeks of severance, the job hunt was on....

✕ Where did the year go? ✕

Wow! It seems like we just compiled our Christmas letter for last Christmas and here it is time to write about 2009. The year has brought us many blessings we thank God each day for. And as usual we had a few challenges as well.

HANGING OUT WITH THE BOYS OF SUMMER

The year was off to a bang when we headed down to Tucson to

attend our first-ever Colorado Rockies Spring Training Camp. We happened to arrive on "picture-day" in which all of

the players of the Rockies took time prior to the game to come out for a meet-n-greet. It was quite

fun to meet all of the current Rockies. It was amazing at how

accessible the players and the staff were. For those of you who haven't done this before - we HIGHLY recommend taking some time to go

Arizona to visit

them, and yes, that's us posing with the one, the only, Rockies famous first-baseman, Todd Helton.



After dozens of interviews, with several companies, Brian was extremely fortunate to find an IT support job with a local company that builds and operates what essentially are mobile television studios. Mobile TV Group builds semi-tractor trailer trucks and

moves them around the country to broadcast sporting events for MLB, NHL, and NBA among others. And if you're wondering - there's no chance at tickets - so don't ask! One of the best things about his new job is that Abby gets to go along every once in awhile.

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Vacation Photos and activities

Aside from our trip to Tucson in the spring, we managed to take a little weekend getaway to Glenwood Springs with friends, Tom and Rebekah. We really enjoyed our time with them exploring the caves and soaking in the historic hot springs pool. On our way back home we made a short detour to hike up to Hanging Lake and Spouting Rock, which are equally as spectacular!



Laurie continues to work from home for Hewlett Packard (formerly EDS). Abby, Tank, and TC enjoy her company and provide her with endless entertainment.

Home Improvement projects

Well, you know we can't go a WHOLE year without doing *some* improvements to the house. With the basement getting finished last year (you are all welcome to come over and enjoy a movie), our sights turned to the paint and flooring on the main and upper levels. In April we took advantage of Westminster's large item pickup program and got rid of all the existing carpet. As with most of our projects we were well ahead of actually being ready to do the work, so we spent several months with only plywood to walk on. Brian's time off worked out very well as he used the time to install new bamboo flooring. Once the bamboo was in, we carpeted the rest of the living areas on the upper level, which looks quite nice.



We hope this finds you and yours healthy and happy this holiday season. We think of you all often and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brian, Laurie, Abby, Tank & T.C.