



Bob Ardyth James Holly John Crystal Jill Henry

Dear Friends and Family,

December 2005

This year has been more of the same (not that we're complaining at all), so I hope to give you the highlights only. (For those of you who are new to the Eisenberg Chronicles, and really really really want to know more, I am a good scientist's wife, and I have reprints upon request.) It's been a good year. If it repeats in 2006, we would be happy to see re-runs.

The big news is, Bob was recently named senior scientist at Argonne National Laboratory, which is near Chicago. He'll be working there one day a week, getting the physicists and mathematicians involved in biology questions (and, presumably, answers). He's also working with mathematicians at Oxford University on a similar quest. Even I, the woman who finds his lost [fill in the blank], am impressed.

The best parts of my year have been traveling often with Bob and spending time with young family members. The ACLU won the first round of the case I worked on for two years. It will be appealed, but, for the moment, winning is sweet. I'm working on two or three legal matters now – all different and all interesting. I also got to see some good friends in far-flung parts of the country, and spend more time with friends in Chicago.

Ben is taking classes to improve his construction skills, while he waits for the next job assignment. After a tentative fifth grade, Crystal has blossomed into a charming, thoughtful, very social sixth grader. It's a delight to see. She spent most of her summer in Honolulu, with Jill, John and family, and went to summer school with her cousins. She discovered learning for fun, as opposed to learning for grades, which has made a big difference.

Jill and John continue to trade in residential real estate, and John is teaching philosophy at an Oahu college. James (8), Holly (5) and Henry (1.85) will soon be joined by a new brother. We visited Hawaii four times this year (what's not to like, besides a sore tush?)

and wish we were closer, so we could enjoy all of them more often. The children are all delightful, intelligent, energetic (and Henry is ENERGETIC) and amusing.

Emily surprised and pleased us all and married her long-time friend Ben Taylor, while on vacation in Hawaii. We are almost as happy as they are, and glad to know that he'll be part of the family forever. About a month after they married, Em surprised us again and announced she was ready to start her own spa, which has been a long-time dream. "Ready" meant that she had the bank loan, a suitable partner, and a lease on good space in a booming Gen X-Y-Z (I've started to lose track, sorry) neighborhood. She moves fast.

We enjoyed many visits to Sally in New York. She continues to work hard for Sparx, a Japanese financial services company, and enjoy a young person's whirlwind life in the city.

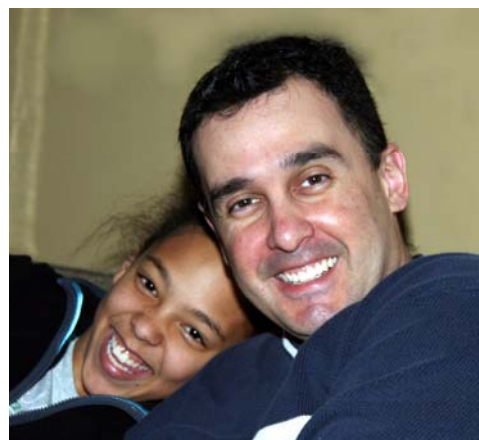
We know life is good and we are grateful. We wish you the same in 2006!



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Ben and Emily Taylor



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