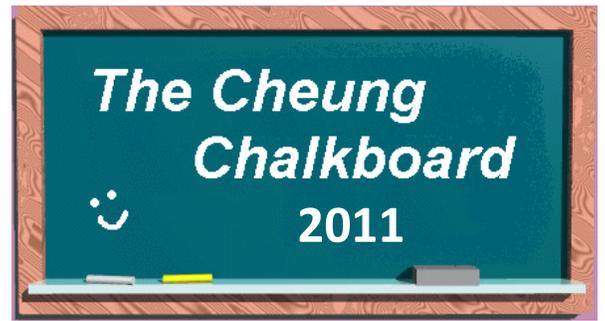


Dear Family and Friends,

It's a joy to reach out to you this holiday season to send our warmest wishes and to update you a few highlights of this past year. Our biggest news this year is that Stephanie is now a freshman in college. She's at Carnegie-Mellon University (CMU) in Pittsburgh, PA, and has a combination major of Physics and Visual Arts. She is enjoying it tremendously, but as she says, "it's a lot of work and not time for a social life". We are very proud of her, and yes, we do miss her here at home, but we are very thankful for all the modern communication conveniences such as e-mail, texting and Skype! Agnes is most happy that CMU is only 5 hours away by car, and has already been up to visit Stephanie three times. Agnes does not mind the drive.



Christopher is in his sophomore year of high school. He says of his school that he is "learning a lot of new things academically". The amount of homework can sometimes be challenging and not exactly fun. But he is doing well, and he too misses Stephanie. These days he likes to tinker on his laptop and design mini flash animation apps. They are very cool.

For Ed, it has been another amazing year. He had a payload on the final Shuttle mission in July (STS-135), however instead of being Hubble servicing related, this work was an experiment going to the International Space Station to study technologies to service commercial communication satellites. This experimental hardware was the last to ever be removed from the Space Shuttle and put into use in space. Ed was at the Kennedy Space Center for pre-launch preps and had a team from Aruba present to shoot a documentary on the mission.

Later in the year, the island of Aruba hosted the second annual renewable energy conference called Green Aruba II. The island is nowadays heavily reliant on renewable wind and solar energy, and as much as 20% of the island's needs are provided by these sources. This year, Ed was named Chairman and co-host of the conference, which included a keynote address by the Crown Prince of Netherlands, HRH Prince Willem Alexander. The highlight of the trip was when Ed met the Princess (and future Queen) Maxima, and when a renewable energy research center was named after Ed. His Mom was present to unveil the name of the building.

Agnes enjoys her many sewing projects and staying in shape with Zumba class. She had fun (and met the challenge!) of putting together the itinerary for this year's Cheung family vacation to the state of Colorado. We spent two amazing weeks touring the state from Red Rocks Park to scaling rocks in the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, hiking up mountains and giant sand dunes, to waterfalls, canyons and glaciers. We also drove up legendary Pike's Peak and traversed the "Million Dollar Highway" from Ouray to Durango,

exploring cave dwellings. We fished for our dinner and in all stayed in five hotels, four log cabins, and one lodge. It was a wonderful and beautiful adventure!

We also made another trip to Florida with Ed's sister and all of Stephanie's cousins. It had been several years since all of the cousins went to the Florida theme parks together, and we decided to go again. This time we visited Universal Studios first to see Harry Potter land. It was excellent to see how they constructed Hogsmeade and Hogwarts school. As for the Disney Parks, we only went to our favorite ones, which are Epcot and Hollywood Studios.

We wish God's blessing on you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

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