

Heiss Holiday Humbug

Our family **weblog** is epically long; I've written around 500 blog posts this year alone. So while I don't expect you to read every word I write, I would feel obtusely redundant if I actually wrote a **Christmas letter**. Following last year's trend I am using this opportunity as a shameless plug for **Heissatopia**. Just follow the links. . . .

Two thousand and eight started out with a bang
I contuted my elbow; in a sling it did hang.

From that moment on the year only got better
Which I'll summarize here in our **Christmas newsletter**. . .

A goal on my life list says, "**Bake wedding cake.**"
That goal was accomplished, a big undertake.

For part of the cake we **tried keeping pet fish**
But each of them found a **quick way to perish**.

Andrew, in April, **donned grad cap and tassel**,
Left BYU, and became somewhat less vassal.

For although he stayed working there as his vocation
Our post-graduation freedom gave way to vacation!

We went on a road trip to see **San Diego**
And got real nice tans to boost up our ego.

Later we took off to **Grover for camping**.
The cabin had gone through a lot of revamping

So we slept in the newly constructed loft,
Rachel in a crib, us on mattresses soft.

Soon after that **Rachel turned one**—
She's growing up fast and it sure is fun!

By this time she already **knows how to walk**.
She jumps, spins, and climbs and is **starting to talk**.

Our parents are sad that we **took her away**
To Cairo, Egypt, where we plan to stay

For two or so years—Andrew's doing his master's.
(We've been in **school** so long I wish he'd go faster!)

He's currently studying at AUC
And in our spare time we get all **touristy**.

We've already hiked down inside the **Bent Pyramid**
And found it quite dull, dreary, dank, dark and humid.

But Egypt is great! We've our share of adventure;
Our future is unequivocally up to conjecture.

What's in store for next year? I cannot divine.
But Merry Christmas and Happy Two-Thousand and Nine!

Love from,
Andrew, Nancy and Rachel Heiss

