

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Love, Trang, Karsten, Kai and Yann

Dear friends and family,

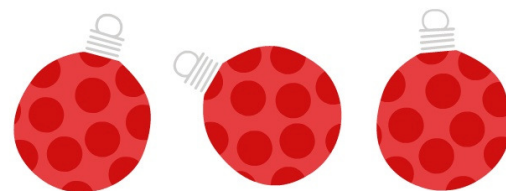
2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and we are glad that it is finally coming to an end.

Kai (18) is finishing his senior year at Garfield High School in Seattle. He has decided to do a gap year after graduation and originally planned on doing a bike trip to South America this summer with Karsten. We are not sure if that will happen and will wait to see what happens in the next half year.

Yann (going on 12) started 6th grade at Meany Middle School. With Zoom and skype calls becoming the new norm for adults and children alike, it has been especially tough for Yann, unable to go to the playgrounds or meet up with friends. Luckily, we were recently able to enroll him in a parkour gymnastics course for him that was open with limited capacity.



Cancelling our travel plan to Europe this summer, we went instead on a road trip to the Olympic National Park and Oregon with the boys. We camped and hiked in the Hoh rain forest, went water rafting in different rivers off the Oregon coast, rented ATVs, and swam in the warm waters of Oxbow Lake in Oregon.



For Thanksgiving break, we took a risk and traveled to San Jose for a family reunion. Though we were happy to see our family and enjoy some sunshine in California, my cousin tested positive for covid after the trip. Fortunately everyone else was negative and we are all healthy.



We are hoping for better things in 2021 – a vaccine and a welcoming change in government. Joyeux Noel, Frohe Weihnachten, Feliz Navidad, chuc mung nam moi, health and happiness to everyone!