

Merry Christmas 2001

Greetings to you and yours as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! It's good to know that, in spite of the turmoil resulting from 9/11, our God is still in control

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

The high point of our year was becoming grandparents! Nathaniel Joseph Gray was born July 24, weighed in at 8 pounds 5 ounces, and was 21" long. If you look closely, you can see him with Tom & Chris at the beach.

Nathaniel's parents, Nikki and Andy, are still in Tacoma. Nikki is a stay at home Mom, and Andy is in his last year of graduate school at PLU. They live in cute duplex now filled with baby toys and paraphernalia. Ministry through their church fills most of their spare time.



Nonna and Papa at the beach with Nathaniel A wave from Nathaniel

After their big year of traveling adventures, Michelle and I settled down and bought a house in the Phinney Ridge area of Seattle. I have been having fun remodeling it and Michelle made miles of drapes for the windows.



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Michelle changed jobs and is now vice president and senior portfolio manager at Northwestern Trust. She can also be seen (or heard) most Wednesdays on Northwest Cable News during the market watch segment ... a celebrity in the family! I can still rock climbs when time and weather permit, and you can find Michelle (aka Mahira) belly dancing somewhere in Seattle most weekends.

Not much has changed for Tom and Chris, other than more frequent trips to see the grandbaby. ☺ Chris stays busy ministering with the women's groups at church and Tom is still its Treasurer. His tennis skills haven't shown too many signs of aging yet, but he finally retired from softball.

God bless,
Chris & Tom

