

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

2007

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.
~Edith Sitwell



Winter

What a year it's been! We weren't sure we were going to make it to Minnesota for Christmas last year. John was out in Los Angeles when a massive snowstorm struck Denver, paralyzing the city with over two-and-a-half feet of snow. After days of rearranging flights and digging our cars free we were on our way! We enjoyed the merriest of holidays and even stayed a few extra days to avoid yet another snowstorm that was dumping in the Denver area! We were happy to eventually get home and put our snowboards to good use with John's brother Dave and his girlfriend, Zoe.

Spring

Our Spring was surprisingly quiet. John was on tour around the country, stopping occasionally to play late-night talk shows or make music videos. I kept myself busy substitute teaching and entertaining our new kitten, Mac. For those of you counting that makes two cats for the Warne's. Mid-March I received a call from the Border and Customs Patrol that my husband had been left behind in Canada by his tour bus. We quickly resolved the situation and John was returned back to the United States with only a minor inconvenience to his band.

Summer

By June our car had been broken into yet again. Actually I think over the past 2 years it has suffered 4 separate break-ins, and so we decided to move. John was home for a week and we snuck all of our boxes and belongings into our new home. I mostly unpacked and when John would come home he would peak through cupboards and drawers to find where all of our things were now hidden! The worst part about moving is actually having to move all of your things. The best part is opening each box and finding the things you love. It's kind of like Christmas, only you know you're going to like every box you open.

The night of John's birthday, or technically the early morning after, he and the rest of his band mates and crew members woke up to the timely yelling of their bus driver telling them to get off the bus NOW! The back of the bus was going up in flames and they had little time to react. While everyone made it off safely, many personal items and belongings were lost. John escaped with little more than his pants!

The summer got better from there with many visits from our family and friends. In mid-July we took a trip to Tulsa, OK, to stay on our friend Mandy L.'s family houseboat. It was more like a small cruise ship placed on a lake. In late-August John and I ventured back to MN to enjoy some vacation time with our families. We slept and played near the Lake Superior shoreline and then stuffed ourselves at the Minnesota State Fair.

Fall

John had a few more shows to take care of before we jumped on a cruise ship to tour the Western Caribbean. We enjoyed our 2nd wedding anniversary in the warm sun of Grand Cayman. Sun



I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

~Rita Rudner



drenched (and a little sea sick) we finally made it back to the US after 8 days at sea. We really enjoyed snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef and eating endless amounts of food! John had a week home before he took off on tour with the bands Switchfoot and Ruth. He was back for Thanksgiving which we spent with our friends here in Denver.

My friend Mandy G. and I decided to go out to Seattle for a long weekend and explore the

great Northwest. We should have brought our umbrella's and a small boat. It just so happened that we were there for one of the biggest rainstorms they've had in over 100 years. The bonus was that we met up with John and spent some great time exploring the city.

And now we rest, preparing ourselves for what the next year holds.

We want to wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and a year full of blessings and fun!!!

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Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. ~Albert Einstein