



Christmas letter 2007



Dear friend!

How are you? I surly hope you are having a great time and enjoying your life when we in a high speed reach year 2008. By the way, I just wanted to send you a little Christmas letter which summarize some of the things I have been doing the last year, and who I wanted to tell you! As you surly understand, are this a little common letter, but my thoughts are that it is better to do some work and write a better letter, than not get time to write any letter at all. ☺

2007 started for my with a lot of work, since I went through my first auditing of annual report and accounts, with mean a lot of work from January to June. This was also my first year with permanent work in PwC. In November last year did I start to renovate my kitchen, the plan was to get finish before last Christmas, but I wasn't finished before Easter. Which mean that all my spare time in the weekends where used to carpentering, installation and all other work that belong to a complete kitchen from IKEA. Easter time where a good time to breathe out and say hallo to my new nephew Jonas. He was only 2 months old at that time, and was a sweet little boy who I look forward to get to know better during the following years. ☺

May arrived and most of the work in PwC where done, but there where still a lot to do, which affected some of my spare time. A more fun part of work this month; was a two weeks course trip to Vimerio, almost an hour driving west from Lisbon in Portugal. This was a beginner course within system and processing auditing, and was common for 30-40 other participants from nearly all over Europe. An incredibly fun course with a lot of coffee and little sleep, also the way courses are supposed to be. ☺ During the October festival I met most of the participants over again in Munich. I hadn't been to Munich before, and going there during the October festival in good company is something I recommend.



July started with six weeks of summer break, which went on way to fast! The first week I went to a music festival in town, and in credit to a lot of rain, both my camera and cell phone where wrecked. A little week later started my vacation to Budapest where I met a good friend of my. From there we went backpacking on the Balkans, and started with Slovenia and visited Ljubljana, Bled and Postojna. After that, the trip went on to Zagreb, Plitvička national park, Zadar, Split and Dubrovnik in Croatia. We rented a small car in Dubrovnik and drove around in Montenegro a couple of days, and managed to get a small trip through Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In Mostar we had a look at the new "old bridge". This two and a half weeks were a very good and exciting adventure. You can read more about the trip on my homepage (www.makh.no).



Autumn started soft with a couple of weeks with course in a small coast town in Norway, and were more an extension of the summer break. As you already might have figured out, there is a lot of fun and social commitment during courses. At this course we did (among other things) go sailing and ocean rafting on three-four meter tall waves. ☺ In the thought of a calm work situation, maybe not as calm as last autumn, so at least more calm than the hectically winter and spring time, did I plan a couple more trips. As earlier mentioned a trip to Munich, the next weekend there was a trip to Amsterdam, and the last long weekend in October ended with a trip to Venice included a daytrip to Verona. All three cities are absolutely recommended places to visit, but I think both Venice and Amsterdam have something in common; both have trouble if the water level rises, and straight edged houses are a non-existing phenomenon.

I plan to celebrate Christmas in Sandefjord with my family as usual, and look forward to the Christmas break. I wish you a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a fantastic great new year!



Christmas greetings from Magne





Plitvice national park



Oktoberfestival



The old kitchen is demolished



A new kitchen is build



Amsterdam



Partytime with work :-)



Ljubljana



Verona



Sailing on work course



A burning VW Golf in Zagreb



Ocean rafting



Summerparty with PWC



Budapest



Vinorio



In the zoo with my nephew Jonas



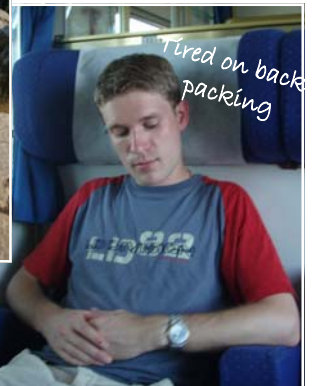
Venice



Easter trip to Yxenspy



On top in Montenegro



Tired on back packing



Stari Most in Mostar



Julia is proud of her new christened brother Jonas



Croatian breakfast in Zadar

There is a lot more pictures to see on my homepage (www.makn.no) ☺