



Christmas letter 2013



Dear Friends :-)

This years holiday preparations are quite opposite from last year. Then we where on a road trip in New Zealand, and managed to get engaged in the heart of Abel Tasman National Park. This years exotic vacations are replaced with changing diapers and feeding, as we become the happy parents of Philip in November.

We found New Zealand a country with a lot of exciting adventures and clearly a country we want to visit again. We found the north island more exciting, since it is most unlike Norway, and in our opinion more exotic. We haven't been travelling as much in 2013 as earlier year, but had a small weekend trip to Gdansk in Poland; sponsored by Magne's work. Gdansk was a nice old city with beautiful architecture and appealing restaurants. Magne also got a trip to Stockholm, also sponsored by his work, as PwC brought all 1500 employees on a field trip to Sweden. The trip was a PwC-trips are supposed to be; teambuilding, entertainment, awards, all composited with loads of good food and drinks.

From the domestic trips; we can mention a dance weekend to Kristiansand (the only dancing we managed to do this year). There has also been on a few shopping trips to Sweden (as it is a lot cheaper than in Norway). PwC also sponsored an awesome trip for Magne to a local



lighthouse together with the rest of the Norwegian Forensic Services Department. Also this year we attended the Stavern Music Festival and since Josh Groban bother visiting Norway, we also bother to see his concert. Besides this, our weekends are filled with birthday parties, bush walking, and nice evenings with family and friends.



2013 has in many ways been a turning point in our lives, and the typically family life has engraved our everyday. Long flights around the world has changed to weekend trips to our mountain cabin, just long enough away from home, so we can drive our new 100% electric car, as long we plan a charge break in a city on the way. The weather this summer was also nice enough to use our little leisure boat (24"). The boat-life is really the best summer activity; just take the boat and drive to a small island with good food and BBQ, a good book and just enjoy life, can't get enough of that. Maintenances of house and garden takes a lot of time, especially since we have been used to live in small apartments the last 10 years, and not used to this. Birgitte isn't a student any longer, which is a big change for her.

Magne enjoy his new work at forensic service as an analyst. The position offer a lot of exciting clients, both local and international, and the projects varies a lot. Birgitte got a stand-in position at the post offices. When the first post-office she worked at shot down, she was transferred to another in June, and worked there until her maternity leave commenced. Since all the post offices in Norway closes, we really hope she get an interesting and relevant job in 2014.

July this summer, we bought a nice house in Sandefjord, Magne's hometown. It is a nice small house with three levels, and build in 1985, so new enough to be fully isolated and nice and warm. It didn't need much renovating either, only a few rooms that needed some paint.

13 November 2013 @ 13:49 was Philip Kjetorp Knoph handpicked to this big world, 12 days before term. He was 3430 grams and 49 cm long. As long his dad is close; does he sleep and enjoy himself between feeding and diaper changes.

This years Christmas eve is going to be celebrated with Birgitte's parents and brother, which we all are looking forward for.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and holidays, and a fantastic New Year. We are thankful for all nice memories from 2013.

All the best from Birgitte, Magne and Philip



