

Dear Friends and Family,

In January, the Glessers returned from Aberdeen, Scotland to an apartment in Union City, California. Adam attended a 5 month math geek convention at the Mathematical Science Research Institute (or "Misery") on the UC Berkeley campus. He would love to explain what he spent that time doing, but apparently he is stuck in the bathroom of his ivory tower. Meanwhile, Kim and the boys put a lot of miles on the double BOB stroller, walking around the hometown of former SF 49er Otis Amey. The boys joined a play group, took up a study of Rococo interior design and practically lived at the library.

With Adam's post doc at MSRI completed, phase 2—a move into Adam's mom's house in Sunnyvale—began. This was fantastic experience for the boys, especially Alex. Most of their lives, Alex and Jonathan knew Grandma Jan Jan as the woman on the web cam. In the time Alex stayed with her, they developed a special relationship about which Alex still reminisces. They would spend hours together playing, chatting, taking walks and watching movies. The parental units also enjoyed Grandma Jan Jan's babysitting Jamboree as they finally went on a few dates without worrying about their kids. Highlights included going to a Bon Jovi concert with long time friends (and Jonathan's god-parents) Kevin and Kayla Simon as well as a Giants game subsidized by Omi-Glo and Oompah.

In August, the third and final move of the year took the family to Wilmington, Massachusetts. Adam is an assistant professor at Suffolk University which is located in the heart of downtown Boston. If you're curious (or perhaps masochistic) about what a class taught by Adam looks like, check out his web page [bit.ly/adamglessner](http://bit.ly/adamglessner). Kim spends most of her time relaxing and perfecting the art of loafing. Once in a while, she does do a modicum of work around the house and, if she is in a good mood, will feed the kids. Since this takes up so little of her day, she took the time to make a friend (we were surprised too!). Her new pal, Carol, is a kindred spirit with three kids and even more free time than Kim. Most days will involve a play date or babysitting or late night exercising. In her other spare time, Kim is starting a quilting company as well as contributing her advanced accounting skills to brother-in-law Joe's consulting company.

Alex is in preschool at the New England Montessori Academy where he is doing wonderfully. He goes twice a week, Thomas the Tank backpack in tow, and comes home begging to do more school work. We are amazed at how fast he is picking up reading and vocabulary such as the months, days of the week and all of the off-color lines from Caddyshack.

Jonathan is growing like *Pueraria lobata* (but without fear of the U.S. Forest Service). Also, a team of linguistic analysts have confirmed that he is now speaking in English, although interpretation is still needed. He has an amazing sense of humor, is almost always smiling and thinks Alex hung the moon. He loves dancing (both of the boys are Queen fans) and is fascinated by the cardboard bounded collections of pictures printed on flattened, processed trees.

The past year was...exciting. We were super busy, but very happy. In short, all is well. Please visit our blog at <http://glessnerfamily.blogspot.com/>. Have a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the new year!

Adam, Kim, Alex and Jonathan Glesser