

# Christmas letter 2004!

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Dear friends,

The world has learned a new word, tsunami ("the giant wave"), when probably the worst disaster in modern time hit South East Asia last week. One of my closest friends at work were in Thailand when the tsunami hit. She and her family survived and are well, but the effect of the earthquake, which hit on December 26, 2004, will be long lasting. When I realized the extent of the disaster it made me think of what I value most in life - my family.

So what has happened during the year of 2004? When I asked that question to myself couple of days ago, I had no simple answer to give. Much has happened, so what should I write about? I have been on no long trip abroad this year, besides to Finland with some friends in July when I turned 40 years old and when Christoffer and I went with my mother to Denmark one day in the beginning of August. Or I could write about Edith and Alexander visiting some relatives in Romania in May or when Edith and I were best man / brides mate at a wedding this summer. But, the main event, which I have valued the most this passed year, is to see my two children, Christoffer and Alexander grow and discover the world around them.



Alexander, 14 months old, has grown from a little infant to an active little baby running around in the apartment discovering more things for each day which passes by. In the middle of October he learned how to walk, almost 1 year old, and a whole new world opened up for him. Now he could reach all the draws and shelves that were a little bit higher up than when he was crawling around. When he is quiet, I know that he is up to something. Either pulling out all his Mother's clothes from her cupboard, or he has found something new that he can either eat or play with. He is, for the most of the time when he is not tired, hungry or irritated over not being able to do something, a happy little boy.

Christoffer, 6 years old, has found some new toys to play with - [Bionicles](#). Around 1 1/2 year ago, when I came home from a business trip, I had bought his first one, an ice mini bork to be exact, to him. I did not know anything about these figures before, but during the year I have learned a lot about them. Now Christoffer has got 36 or so Bionicles in different size and shapes. He knows everything there is to know about them...



In August a big event took place for Christoffer, he started pre-school. I don't think he realized what it is all about yet. He likes going to school, besides that the teachers tell him what to do instead of him being able to play all the time. His favorite activity at the moment, besides playing computer games, is to lie in bed listening to a bed time story before he has to go to sleep. Of course he wants us to read a little bit



longer so he can stay up and not sleep.

[Edith](#) is still working as a nurse 50% at the dialysis ward at the [univeristy hospital](#) here in Uppsala and I am working 60% as a [probation officer](#). The rest of the time we are home with our children. I love being home with Christoffer and Alexander, although being home with them has its challenges.

So what is going to happen during the year of 2005? I don't know. But I hope I will be able to spend more quality time with my family and friends as I have tried, with the help of God, to do this passed year. What do you value the most in your life?

/Peter.

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