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Dear Friends and Family,

Pages are falling from the 2009 calendar like snowflakes from the sky. It must be time to send a brief update on what God has been doing in the Chase family.

Our family continues to expand in size, and I am not referring to our waistlines! We welcomed the addition of grandchild #3: **Simeon Frederic Chase** arrived in late July as the newborn adopted son of **Tim and Elizabeth**. Emily flew south to Texas to help them adjust to the chaos a newborn wreaks on first-time parents, but they seemed to have their new roles well established before she arrived: Simeon rules the roost! Tim enjoys his new role as a full-time dad while Elizabeth continues working as a librarian.

Grandchild #4 is not far behind. **Prisca** and her husband **Anthony DeRosa** are expecting a third boy to join their older two, **Josiah (4)** and **Anderson (2)**, right before Christmas. In order to make room for the baby, they have moved to a new home in a rural area outside Baltimore. They have a large back yard that offers plenty of space for three boys to play ball and chase each other. Anthony is already looking forward to the day when they are old enough to help with mowing. He completed his Master's degree last Spring and continues to work as a computer engineer.

John and Kelly Chase live in Rockville, MD, only about 30 minutes from Prisca and Anthony. They both teach in the public schools there, plus volunteering with their church youth group and leading Bible Study Fellowship groups. John was nominated for Teacher of the Year by one of his math students and also presented an academic paper at a conference in Texas earlier in the year.

And **Gene and Emily**? The old folks are as busy as ever. In addition to teaching part time at Dickinson College in the Spring and Messiah College in the Fall, Gene supervised the thesis project of a graduate student and organized a men's retreat. Emily spoke at three conferences this Fall, including the statewide PA Pro-Life Conference, and has added the title "humor columnist" to her writing résumé. Check out her column at TheChristianPulse.com.

We look forward to hearing how the Lord has blessed you in the past twelve months. May you enjoy His richest blessings in the new year.

—Emily and Gene

Links to photos and further details are available at Gene's blog:
<http://GeneBChase.com/Aftermath/?p=120>