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Wish you were here...

*We had a great year, and hope you
had the same.*

Merry Christmas & Seasons Greetings

Robert & Kim's Colorado Adventures in 2010

2010 was another good year for Kim and I, but it wasn't without it's minor challenges. The new year started off quite well. Kim and I were both working, and in good health. With an ambitious set of vacations planned, we didn't waste much time getting our adventure started.

In February we finally replaced some of our older living room furniture with a nice selection of leather from La-Z-Boy. The weather was a bear so we stayed indoor most of the time. By March it was time to renovate the Master Bathroom closet. That 'Closet Factory' did a really good job. Later that month, Kim got a new car. A Mercury Milan Hybrid. A sedan that's eco friendly, and has a bit more room than you'd expect from a 'hybrid'. The Snow really came down in March (that's the month when we get most of our precipitation/we even got a big storm in April), but I was ready with a new snow blower.

In May, Kim's parents headed out our way for a 'Grand' adventure. We loaded up the Volvo and headed South to Arizona. We took a week long vacation to see the worlds biggest hole in the ground. Our second trip to the Grand Canyon was absolutely fantastic "<http://gallery.me.com/rvaessen#100305>" and having Ted and Sharon along with us made it all the more memorable.

With barely a week to relax, June brought another week long vacation. This time Kim's sister Kary and the entire Clough Clan came along for the ride. Their first vacation to Colorado brought Kary, Mark, Sam & Emma to all our favorite spots. Downtown Denver, Train rides and the Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak, the Sawatch Range and White Water Rafting on the Arkansas. Such a shame they had to leave: "<http://gallery.me.com/rvaessen#100307>"

Less than one month later and we played host to one more guest. This time it was a blast from the past. A good friend from way back flew out to be our guest. We hadn't seen Dennis since San Vito (back in '92), but we caught up quickly. The five day vacation took us to some of our favorite spots and a few new ones. Downtown Denver, the Stanley Hotel (heard of the Shinning?), Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park, White Water rafting, a Jeep trip up Mt. Princeton, a Pikes Peak panorama, Segway tour in the Garden of the Gods, Buffalo Bill's grave, and a couple of BEBs. What a great vacation. Check out the photos: "<http://gallery.me.com/rvaessen#100325>"

Our next vacation was a short trip to Wisconsin. Ted & Sharon weren't expecting anything special for their 45th wedding anniversary, but they sure were surprised when we showed up on their doorstep. We flew into Milwaukee, picked up our rental car and drove to De Pere. What followed was a weekend of 'Surprise!' engagements. We even had enough time to spend the day with my Mom in the North Woods: "<http://gallery.me.com/rvaessen#100333>"

In October, Kim and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary with a 'Staycation' of epic proportions. Over the next six days, we managed to attend two plays (39 Steps and Bram Stoker's Dracula), visit the Aurora Museum, the King Tut Exhibit at the Denver Art Museum, visit a haunted house and go out to eat twice. Whew! what a vacation: "<http://gallery.me.com/rvaessen#100341>"

In November, Robert took a solo trip out east. This trip was paid for by the U.S. government. It's one of those curve-balls that life throws your way. In June of 2010, acting on a tip, Robert applied for a job with the Dept. of Defense. He completed a bunch of paperwork requirements in June and July. By August, we got some official notification, Robert's job and several positions at work (Robert works in a government facility as a Defense Contractor) are being taken over by the government. Robert's job is going away. Thankfully, Robert had successfully completed the initial round of requirements, and the government had extended a conditional job offer. That brings us back to this trip. A three day trip out to Maryland in order to complete some more tests and evaluations. Robert passed all those, and everything is looking good. All he has to do now is wait...

So, as we close out the year, we find ourselves in a state of transition. The new government job offers a leadership position, better hours, better pay, and better opportunities for promotion. The only problem? There's a lot of waiting around for things to happen. In the meantime, we're pushing forward with our plans for the new year. Robert will have a new job. Kim is already looking for ways to spend all the new money, and we're planning to have another great year in Colorado!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from your friends in Colorado - Robert & Kim

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