

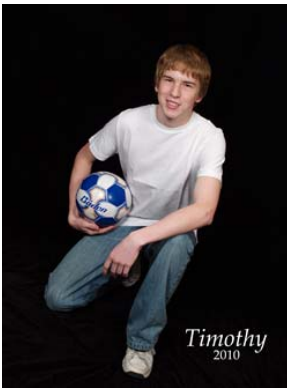
Merry Christmas 2009

from Dave, Marnie, Mark, Keren & Timothy Swedberg

by Mark



2009 has come and nearly gone and by the grace of God Swedberg, Inc. has survived despite burglary break-ins, website hacks, lightning strikes, and a dismal economy. This year was like a cake: A base of hard work, held together by layers of God's grace, surrounded by friends and supportive staff, topped with the frosting of unexpected adventure, sprinkled with a touch of soul searching. In addition to our seasonal update, we want to share the "Five Things You May Have Missed Seeing a Swedberg Do," just for fun. If you're hungry, grab a fork and tuck in your bib, because like cake, life can get a bit messy.



Last year Timothy bribed and blackmailed his way to becoming a legally recognized driver. This year he purchased his first car: a dark maroon 2001 Grand Am. He loves his ride so much that he will often drive the meager two blocks to work just to squeeze in an extra minute of quality time with his baby. Cars aren't the only vehicle Tim has travelled in this year. In the spring he flew down to Florida to spend a week with his cousins on their sailboat and even went deep-sea fishing. In July, Tim enjoyed his position of authority over little people as a counselor at Camp Good News. The 2009-2010 school year finds Timothy back in the public school for his Senior year, enjoying human teachers and classmates much more than the Internet courses of last year.

You may have missed Timothy hiking through the snow toward Souolutions, at 3 AM, to feed the pets and clean their cages before hiking back to Holiday where he worked the 7AM – 3PM shift.



The globe-trotting girl has finally settled, for now, and has managed to stay in the same place for two consecutive years. After Keren graduated Oak Hills last December with an Associate in Art, she switched over to BSU to start the trek towards a Bachelors Degree in Business. She's capitalized on the expanded opportunities and landed the job as the BSU Summer Event Coordinator which allowed her to plan over 10 events including a trip to Valley Fair, the BSU Dragon Boat Team (they won!), and the BSU Summer Picnic. She's also been working at an Assisted Living House since January and enjoys being a "mother" to four very active men! Her new adventure is starting up piano lessons this spring with eight students already signed on.

You may have missed Keren being bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at 3 AM as she works one of her +24 hour shifts. However, in that uber-caffeinated, sleep-deprived, giggly state, that is probably for the best.



2009 is Mark's final year in Warroad – he graduates his “home school college” in December. This summer, Mark decided to test some of his ideas and assumptions about life by taking a series of trips. First, he flew to California and, with the help of his cousins Kelsey and Michael, moved his aunt from San Francisco to Willmar, MN. Next, he drove to Canada with Michael for a three-day fishing trip. Growing bored of Minnesota, he then decided to backpack over 500 miles from MN to Wisconsin, visiting as many friends and family, not to mention making some new friends along the way. He concluded his adventures by spending two weeks in Virginia helping his uncle and cousins prepare to put their house on the market.

You may have missed Mark being industrious, because he has taken to working at odd hours. In fact, in 2009, he has twice circumnavigated the standard sleeping cycle – waking at every hour possible during a 24-hour period.



Looking back over the past 4 years of owning Soulutions, 7 years of owning/managing M&K, 10 years of hosting Amah-El, 15 years of writing books and hosting websites, 23 years of raising and/or homeschooling kids, and 26 years of marriage, Marnie has decided to write a third paperback book to be entitled, “**Super Busy.**” It will be an idea packed how-to book outlining over 100 of her sanity-saving, strategic shortcuts. She requests your prayers as she works toward a 2011 release.

You may have missed Marnie traveling around the world each day via Skype, working with her Internet support team from as far away as India, laughing over funny cultural nuances, like her programmer's “micro-confusions”.



The first half of 2009 Dave spent transforming 4,000 square feet of junk-laden warehouse space into two smaller storage zones, a party room and a glow-in-the-dark, mini golf course which opened for business in June. A frequent reaction of first-time golfers is, “Wow! Cool!” Most days you will find him reviving stagnant departments by relaying and ordering new products, serving customers, or doing bookwork. He did take time out this fall to hunt with the positive result of venison in the freezer. He continues to serve on the Oak Hills College and ASE boards.

You may have missed Dave doing bills with a parrot on his shoulder, chinchillas playfully hopping around his desk, and rabbits peering hopefully from their nearby cages.

We know there are great many things you do that go unnoticed as well and for all of those silent gifts, we want to say THANKS!

Merry Christmas from the Swedbergs!