

## Dear Friends,

It's been another whirlwind year for us, and time for another one of our updates! We've had so much fun watching Kiana learn and grow this past year, and wish that you could be here with us. Here's a quick run—through of our year.

JAN.FEB.MAR: At the start of the year, we got to be jet-setters. In January Allan took off on a business

trip to Munich, while Kiana

and I took a little trip to Edmonton to visit Kiana's great-grandmother (my Inay Bing). In February, we took our first overseas family vacation when we flew 16 howrs to spend 3 weeks in the Philippines. We shopped in Manila, explored the surrounding provinces, reminisced in Olongapo (where LéLè was born), & relaxed in Davao with Lé's family.

It was a great experience for us to spend so much quality bonding time together as a family.

APR.MAY.JUN: When we got home, it was back to the daily grind. Lé's maternity leave ended in May of we decided that she would start her own business of work from home instead of returning to VIHA

and putting Kiana into day care. Thus "Lé Soirees" (www.lesoirees.com) was born of Lé's dream of being a wedding planner came true. A lot of firsts happened in this quarter - Kiana celebrated her first Easter, went on her first camping trip (for Father's Day), and said her first real word ("hi"). But the most exciting first was when Kiana took her first steps at 10 months old. Though wobbly at first, she was quick on her feet of running around by her first birthday on June 5th. Being the true party-planner, LéLé went all-out with Kiana's first birthday party, and also

threw her a small pool party IN OUR LIVING ROOM!



JWL.AWG.SEP: July was our photo shoot month. First, Kiana had a glamour-shoot in the park with her cousin Elia. The photos were taken by one of Vancouver's top photographers (and Le's good friend) Jana Vackova. Kiana was such a natural, we decided to do another

photo-shoot when Lé's parents came to town.

watch out - Canada's Next Top Model is here! We also had a lot of visitors this month;

Lé's parents came, as

well as her consin wes of his family from Shanghai. We love having people come visit us at our island home, so if you

haven't already, plan to come soon! In August, we went

on a family camping/exploring trip for Allan's birthday. Kiana had a lot of fun with dirt and discovering nature, she might like camping just as much as her daddy does!

OCT.NOV.DEC: This was Kiana's 2nd Halloween, so to top last year's too-cute pumpkin costume, we went

across the border to find Kiana an adorable costume this year. We think she was the CUTEST goldfish EVER! The year has flown by so fast, and we can't even believe how much has changed since our last newsletter.

We no longer have a baby, she's a full-fledged toddler - running

A climbing around the house, making her desires (loudly) Known, and keeping us busy of on our toes as parents. We're enjoying it though, and every once in a while (when we're lucky), we even get to go out as just a couple. We love you and miss you all, and we hope you're having a wonderful holiday season. Lots—a love, Allan, LéLé of Kiana &