2005: Where in the World were Norm and Judy?

Is it over yet (2005)? Who have we seen? Where have we been? It is hard to remember all of the people and places. However, before we start on that, a word from the proud parents and grandparents.

Jack Edward Parry was born on February 15 with no one more delighted than brother Max! Jack is a mellow guy, except when he needs a diaper change, is hungry or has had enough to eat. Grampa was the victim of a right cross to the baby food jar when offering one spoonful over Jack’s threshold. Big smiles?—regularly, with the biggest for brother Max.

Clare graduated from the University of Denver with honors in Mathematics. Still trying to figure out the next stage of her life, she is working in a Japanese fast food restaurant while contemplating her next step. Clare has a regular beau, Adam.

Kevin is doing great in his architectural career and being well-recognized in his company for his work—largely, public buildings such as arenas, rec centers, etc.

Steve has just submitted his thesis for review at the University of New South Wales. He is already well-published (try him on google) and is likely to remain in the institute where he obtains his degree. He has been cited for application-to-business orientation in performance engineering in his research publications.

…and now for the principals of this newsletter. Where have we been? The list goes something like this. Karlsruhe, Stuttgart, Rothenburg, Dinkelsbühl, Bad Bergzabern (hike in the forest with the Peter Hubral), Worms (earliest recorded Jewish community and synagogue in Germany), Schwetz-Heidel (Botanic Gardens), Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Paris, Giverny (Monet’s Garden, American Museum and Garden), Honfleur (atelier of Jongkind, a teacher of Monet and Renoir), Mont Ste Michelle, Bayeux (William the Conqueror tapestry), Arromanches (first liberated town of the Normandy invasion), Lascaux, Padirac, Pech Merle (prehistoric caves), Bilbao (Guggenheim Museum), Granada (Alhambra), Seville, Madrid, Toledo, Prague, Hruba Skala (castle in the Bohemian Paradise in Czech Republic), Crested Butte, Brazil (Salvador de Bahia, Manaus, Malocas, Marajoa, Campinas), Houston. Are we there yet?

In total, five months travel abroad, a month of travel in the US—admittedly, a bit over the top, even for us. However, on the road, there were old friends, new friends and experiences to be savored and treasured in memory. For example, we went on a hike with the Norm and Barb Harthill in a fairytale valley not too far from Karlsruhe and then we had dinner together at the charming Restaurant au Wasingstein back where we started the hike, with old country charm and cooking in full measure, and tree-studded hillsides all around us. We went to Stuttgart to visit the Weidlichs, our