

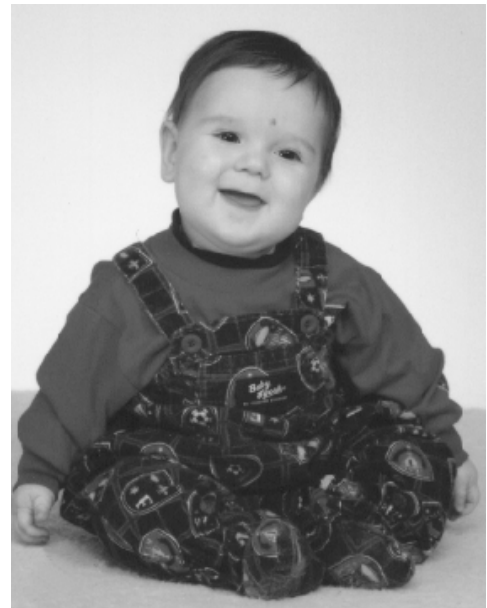


December 1997

To our family and friends:

If we had to sum up 1997 in one word, it would have to be 'Cameron'. On March 6, we were blessed with a healthy baby boy, and we named him Cameron Scott. Cameron was, and still is, a little guy -- he weighed in at 5 lbs. 3 oz., at birth and was less than 5 lbs. when we took him home. At his 9 month visit to the doctor last week, he weighed in at just 16.5 lbs. Of course, you have to realize that his parents aren't exactly giants either!

As long as we're summing up things with one word, let's describe Cameron in a word -- 'angel'. He rarely cries, sleeps through the night, eats very well (Laurie is still breast feeding four times a day, plus baby food), never been sick, likes to go places and loves to smile and melt our hearts. On the enclosed photo, you might notice a small red mark on his forehead. It's a birthmark (strawberry mark) and our doctor says it will likely disappear within a year or two. We tell Cameron that he was kissed by an angel there!



Laurie tried to stay working full-time, but after realizing that the day care provider was spending more time with him than we did, Laurie worked it out with her employer to reduce her hours to 20 per week, and that is working much better. Speaking of work... Scott just received another promotion at Century Telephone... this time to 'Senior Sales Engineer'. Scott will oversee Sales Engineers in Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio, with a primary focus on Century's Internet products and services.

Scott is also keeping busy with his after-hours, home-based business, Internet Solutions. Scott designed several new Internet web sites this year, plus has done a lot of work on existing sites. If you have Internet access and want to see some of Scott's work, go to <http://www.QTH.com/is> and click on the "Portfolio" button.





Apparently a new job, a new baby and a business to run at night wasn't keeping Scott busy enough, because he decided to do something he'd always dreamed of doing...installing a ham radio tower! Despite a petition circulated by mis-informed, yet angry neighbors, Scott put up a 72-foot tall self-supporting tower in the back yard. The tower is four-feet wide at the bottom and tapers to about two-feet wide at the top. Scott is still working on the antennas that will be at the top, and hopes to have them up by the end of the year. This installation will allow Scott to participate in ham radio competitions from home instead of travelling so much for them. While having such a structure wasn't on Laurie's list of needed home improvements, she is being very understanding and supportive.

We did manage to get in a few camping trips this year, including extended trips to Peninsula State Park in Door County and in Northern Wisconsin, near Hayward. The Hayward trip was for a family reunion on Scott's mother's side of the family, which was a lot of fun (although Laurie wasn't exactly pleased to find out that a bear had been near our campsite. The raccoons at our site in Door County were a little easier to take.)

Well, that's about it from our neck of the woods. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy 1998!

Love,

