



Christmas Greetings

From Ed and Ghislaine Miller



While we dream of a white Christmas in the Northern Hemisphere, our neighbors in the tropics may dream of getting a good tan during the holidays. A Rio supermarket had this display to remind us that even Santa has to shed his warm garb in Rio.

Millers' 2009-2010 diary

The Millers were sweltering in the 90-plus degree heat in Rio de Janeiro last Christmas and Ed never got around to doing a Christmas letter. So here's a brief rundown on what we've been up to for the last two years.

☛ **Jacqui, Raphael and Gabriel** moved to Knoxville from Northern Virginia in September. They are living in our second condo unit. Gabriel is a fifth-grader at Sequoyah Elementary School, and Raphael is a seventh-grader at Bearden Middle School. Both boys are very busy in a variety of activities (soccer, band, swimming etc.) Jacqui is a legal secretary for the prestigious Knoxville law firm of London & Amburn.

☛ **Edgar, Angela** and their four—**Lucas, Daniel, Carolina** and **Sofia**—moved in July from Costa Rica to Chile. Edgar continues as chief legal officer of ENEL Latin America. They also bought a condo near us at Sequoyah Square to use when they come to visit. They, along with Jacqui and her boys, joined us in Rio over the year-end holidays.

☛ **Richard** is dividing his time between Washington, where he teaches music part-time at Georgetown University, and New York, where he is establishing himself on the music scene and where his girlfriend, **Eunbi Kim**, is a student at Manhattan School of Music. He also was delighted to find that he can surf at a beach about 30 minutes from his apartment.

☛ **Thomas** changed computer programming jobs in mid-year. He says his new job is exciting and challenging. He and **Cleusa** continue to live in Springfield, Va.

☛ **John** and **Dede** are still in Maryville, running their illustration business. John also has recently gotten involved in a business to sell fresh shrimp. **Chris**, our oldest grandson, is now a sophomore at the University of Tennessee on a full music (cello) scholarship. **Matt** is winding up his senior year at Maryville High School and is busy getting applications in to various colleges.

☛ **Ghislaine** continues to teach Portuguese at the University of Tennessee, but is talking more frequently about retiring. She also remains very active in the local



Christmas Concert

Grandsons **Raphael** (tenor sax), **Matt** (violin) and **Chris** (cello) along with **Raphael's** Bearden Middle School classmates **Paul Eldridge** (alto sax) and **John White** (trumpet) provided the music for the annual Sequoyah Square Condo Holiday Party. **Gabriel**, not shown, helped Granddad lead the caroling.



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Carmelite group as well as the Seekers of Silence prayer group she helped start at John XXIII Catholic Parish and Student Center.

Ed returned to the classroom to teach a reporting class in the spring of 2010, and continues to be busy with his editing and translating business. He continues to walk about four miles a day. He will soon begin posting his memoirs on his new blogsite, edgarmiller.com.



GABRIEL proudly holds a trophy he received for playing soccer, as Jacqui gives him a hug.



RICHARD AND EUNBI



JOHN AND DEDE attend a UT orchestra's Halloween concert. Son Chris plays cello in the orchestra.



THOMAS sits between John and Jacqui at the dinner table as Ghislaine looks on during one of his all too rare visits to Knoxville.



FAMILY GATHERING on Rio's famous Ipanema Beach. From left: Daniel, Angela, Lucas, Jacqui, Ed, Sofia, Edgar, Carolina, and Ghislaine. In the background (left) you can see the Dois Irmãos (Two Brothers) peaks.



CAROLINA'S first Communion was at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Knoxville. Father Al Humbrecht was the celebrant.



CLEUSA PAZ MILLER, Tom's wife, at her house in Springfield, Va.



Ipanema sunrise