

The Krute New Year Letter

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy New Year!!! I wanted to write to introduce myself and to share with you how 2009 treated the Krute family. My name is Adin James Krute and I was born on November 15th, which is a week earlier than my official due date. (I've heard Krutes like to be punctual.) My Mommy and Daddy had been preparing for my arrival since early spring, but they never could have imagined how cool I would be or how much attention I was really going to demand!

I really love my Daddy. He likes to sing camp songs to me while he makes funny faces or lifts me up and down again and again until I stop crying. He had a great year working at Push the Rock. I really like everyone he works with. I got to meet them at the Push the Rock Christmas party and show off my fine set of pipes. I especially liked Dustin Leatherman's wife Hannah and I showed her this by spitting up on her nice Christmas sweater.

For my parents, I was a huge focus in their 2009, whether it was registering for baby items, going to doctor's appointments or generally just preparing the house and nursery. Many people helped them prepare by donating a ton of clothing and baby items so that my parents could dress me, bath me and play with me. Others brought gifts to a shower or sent them in the mail. I'm glad you helped get them ready or I might still be naked!

I changed Daddy and Mommy schedules from the moment they knew I was on my way. Mommy was so sick and fatigued waiting for me to come that Daddy had to keep the house clean, do laundry, make dinner, and generally whatever Mommy didn't have energy to do after working for up to 14 hours a day. He was such a big help as Mommy worked as a restaurant manager up until three weeks before I was born.

Mommy and Daddy called me "Diggs" while they waited to meet me. They got this name in a baby book, where they found it under the girl's section. They decided it didn't sound very feminine and that it would be a cool name to call me while they waited to find out my gender. That happened in the summer, when Mommy and Daddy found out that I was a boy! The ultrasound technician wondered if Daddy would be able to fit back out the door with the size of his smile. Mommy was just glad to be able to see me and my little heart beat. They continued to call me "Diggs," which caused some people to think it would be my real name. They are so silly. Daddy picked my first name, Adin, and Mommy my middle name, James. Daddy had been teaching the youth group at our church about the book of Nehemiah in the Bible. He came across my name when he was preparing for a talk. Mommy wanted to name me James after my Great Grandpa Ashbaugh, and so I became Adin James Krute.

I wasn't the only thing that happened in 2009, but I was a pretty big deal during it. Mommy and Daddy took a vacation to Iowa in order to visit their very good friends the Hockenberrys. It took 18 hours to drive there with Mommy

being 7 months pregnant with me and needing to stop at every other rest stop. They got to meet baby Jason Michael Hockenberry II for the first time and it made them very excited for me to come. Also, Mommy took a few days away at the beach with my Grandma Grace, who we like to call "G.G.", and Uncle Brandon and Uncle Justin. Christmas was also a really great time to see family. I got to hang out with Uncle Eric, Aunt Megan, Uncle Brian and Nana and Pop-Pop Krute on Christmas Day. I attended Christmas Eve service at church with G.G. and family. (I didn't understand that "Silent Night" is suppose to be literal.)

I also get to see Poppy and Nana Ross, who live in Oklahoma, by web camera. They will be coming to visit in March and they can't wait to see how much I look like my Daddy. I generally like when people come to visit. I have colic, so I always enjoy visitors who want to hold me for a few hours a day. If you want to see me, just call mommy before you come so that she can change out of her jammies.

We all pray that God will richly bless your 2010 like he has blessed our 2009. We are so honored to have you in our lives and, if I haven't met you in person yet, I look forward to doing so in the near future!

*With Love,
Avin & Family*

