

## Christmas 2010!

This year I thought I'd try out the classic "Christmas Card Letter" instead of writing the same information over and over in every card! Here is my first attempt!

All is really great in everything I'm doing...I honestly can't complain about a thing!

### Work:

Perhaps the biggest news is with work. As many of you may know, Thomson Reuters decided to create a center in Manila, Philippines about 2 years ago. After quite a long time of wondering if/when our positions would be moved to Manila, we were informed about 3 months ago they would be in June 2011. As such, they need a few people go over there to train and basically recreate what we do currently in St. Louis. I volunteered and thus will be heading to Manila next year!

From now thru June 2011, I'll continue in my current role in St. Louis. From June thru August 20, 2011, I'll be supporting our Manila teams from St. Louis while others from our office are there training and recreating our center. From August 22 – November 11, 2011 I'll be in Manila with the hope of when I leave, everything is finished and operating without any support from St. Louis. I'll return to St. Louis for a few weeks, but around early December 2011, I'll be gone from Thomson Reuters and hopefully on to something even greater and more exciting...not sure what yet, but I'll keep you posted. St. Louis/Washington has been great, but I'd love to search for a new job elsewhere too...Chicago, DC, New York...who knows!

A lot of people have mixed feelings about heading over there but I am really excited. It should be a pretty fun and interesting experience. Surely there will be lots of pictures and video, so check online during that time and I'll upload them! I've heard there are some of the "world's best beaches" in the Philippines...I plan on investigating and will report back in the second annual version of this letter next year!

### Refereeing:

Basketball is in full-swing and I continue to have a game to referee just about every night. I average about 5 nights a week of mostly varsity assignments. I'm continuing to try and work into college basketball, which is the ultimate goal.

### MASC (Missouri Student Councils):

For those of you who know my involvement in the Missouri Association of Student Councils....it continues and I'm excited to stay as involved as I have been. We just wrapped up a national conference for student council advisors from around the country in Kansas City. It went really well and was wonderful to meet and reconnect with some of the best people around the country...really great to share ideas and what Missouri is doing with others!

We're hoping to launch our official "Alumni Association" for all past students, advisors, and others of MASC. We are really excited about this...so if you are a MASC alum...keep an eye out for more info soon! It really is just great to stay involved in such a great organization...I've very fortunate to still have this opportunity and as many of you know, just love being able to help and stay involved in reaching students and working with some of the best people in the world!

Well, I think those are the highlights. If I'm forgetting something, let me know! My current information is below and I'd love to hear from you, so send me a message or give me a call! I hope you have a great Christmas and New Year!

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