



# LONGS WELCOME 2012!

## WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR



In 2011 we enjoyed time together, including a Cline family reunion in KY, visits from friends, a mission trip to southeastern KY, the marriage of Kpandja and Djamila, and we hope for more good times in 2012. We wish the same for you!

The Longs of Ft. Thomas, KY, have had a pretty good 2011. Anna is just coming off some surgery, but is bouncing back fine (and will feel better now that it's over). She's taking classes to become a master gardener while working occasionally at Highland's Nursing Home (when she's not running the household). Andy has finished his Masters in Zoology (through Miami University's Global Field Program). He wrapped it up with a trip to Costa Rica this past summer - fun and thought-provoking. Now he is hoping to continue his studies focused on issues and implications of climate change. He's still teaching and researching mathematics at NKU.

## THOSE PESKY KIDS SAY: "COME PAY US A VISIT – WE MISS YOU!"

Tchapo rapped out the New Year at a local club. He's had some regional success, playing gigs, making a little money, but (most importantly) having fun. He broke up with his long-time girlfriend and moved back with us in Ft. Thomas; then he broke up with his work! He's got a new job with Time Warner Cable, which is off to a good start. Rosemanie is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, 14, who enjoys piano, singing, and sports (and now theatre - she had a role as an orphan in "Annie, Jr."). She and Thad are taking swimming lessons, and doing quite well! Rosemanie is now a Permanent Resident. She keeps working on English, and is learning the ropes at school. Thad is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, 10, doing quite well academically. He gets to participate in some supplementary activities because of his high achievement, and enjoys those. He's playing soccer, piano, likes other sports (diving!); he is a cub scout (2<sup>nd</sup> place popcorn seller this year), and he enjoys Odyssey of the Mind (a fun after-school program to challenge kids to get creative).