


May 8, 2010  
Colby Cade Wright



We all know that Colby is brilliant<sup>®</sup> but he is so much more than that for our family. He is an optimist and he is excited about life. He wants to try anything and be a part of everything. His energy is contagious. He is an avid reader, loves soccer, piano, swimming, fishing, chess, and playing with his cousins. He is very much looking forward to starting Cub Scouts. He is a helpful and thoughtful older brother, always willing to share what he knows with his sisters. We are so proud of Colby's decision to get baptized and we look forward to many fun years of watching him discover, develop, and serve. We know he is going to do great things for the world and for his Father in Heaven.

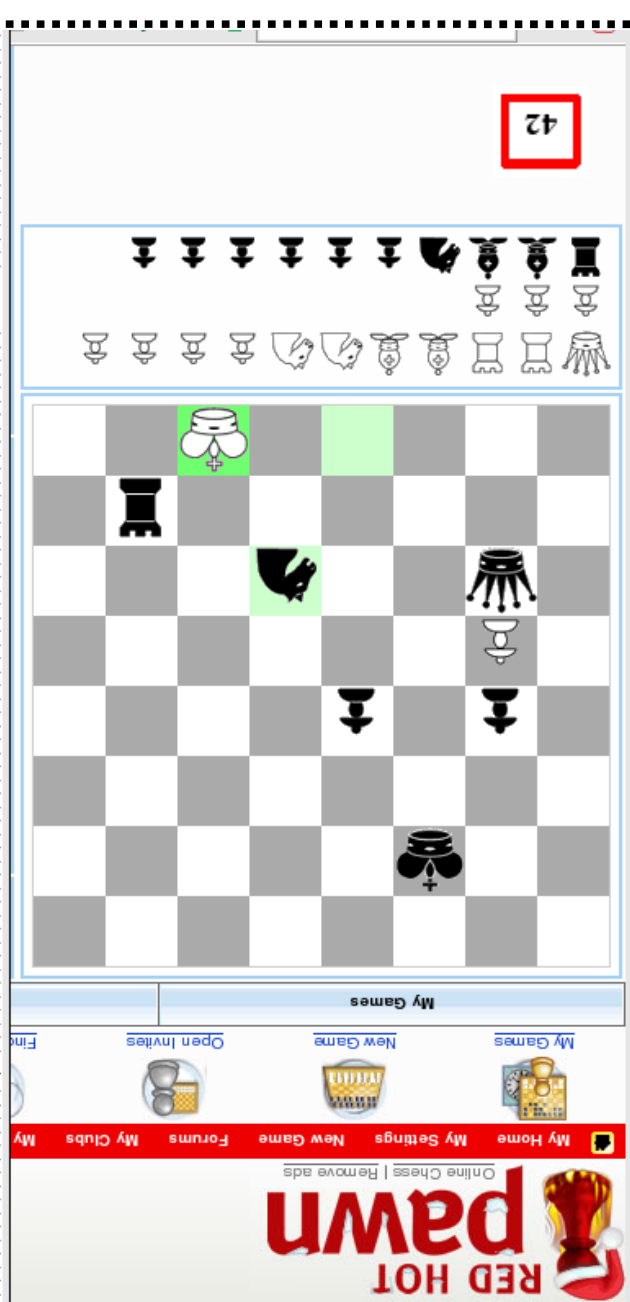


Family and Friends we hope and pray this Christmas Season finds you happy and prepared. 2010 has been challenging for us. Partly due to the economy, partly due to the BP oil disaster, and partly due to being over optimistic. We are learning the value of food storage and wish we had no debt. Oh well! On the other hand, as these pictures testify, we are thankful for and do celebrate the blessings of 2010. Full sized photos are at [http://www.walden3d.com/photos/...](http://www.walden3d.com/photos/) . 2010 started with joining Paul and Kate's family for Grant's baptism in Logan (1). Colby went fishing with Grandpa in January (2a), July, and November (2b), and he never did catch a fish. Colby, Taylor, and Halle helped Andrea celebrate her birthday (3). We get lots of oak leaves, as shown by the February (4) and April (12) leaf piles. Joshua & Audrey's Isabella (Izzy Mae) got a quilt in February (5). We worked at the Peanut Butter Factory in March (6), which helps refill our food storage. We went to Logan in March to meet our Grandson Quinton Miles (7), give him his quilt (8), play with Paul and Grant and Dallin (9), talk to Kate (10), and watch Grant and Ella catch the school bus. Then to Salt Lake to participate in Isabella's blessing (11), spending time with Joshua, Audrey, Sophie, Izzy Mae, Rachel, and Garrett. Next it was back to Houston to rake leaves with Taylor (12), and listen to Halle ask "Are we having fun yet?" Then we watched the oil industry slowly start to unravel as the government visibly demonstrated what not to do with a grease fire (13). We were almost too busy to notice, between going to Colby's school program (14). taking him to the Boy Scout office and showing him where Uncle Roice and Uncle Matt are listed as Eagle scouts and watching him write with water where his name will be, when he gets his eagle (15). Then we were privileged to participate in his baptism (16). We got to watch Colby and Taylor's swim meet (17). We have spent our Thursday afternoons as Houston Temple workers all of 2010 (18), and enjoyed visiting temples in Oakland (19) and Sacramento when we went to Sara's MBA graduation from Berkeley (20-22) and Heather's bike races (23-24). On our return, Jared and Halle brought Avalyn to the house to swim (25). Grandpa took Colby to the Fathers and Sons campout (26). Avalyn likes red licorice too (27). Melanie's and Paul's kids were together (28) for Quinton's blessing (29), when we also got a family photo (30). Afterwards we got to see Izzy Mae (31) and Sophie (and Joshua and Audrey and Rachel and Garret) again. Then it was time for **The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Nelson Grandkids Summer Science Camp**. There was a notebook with exercises (32), Sarah and Andrea joined us the first night (33). We went to Cedar Breaks (34), fished at Panquich Lake, built dams, carved names in trees, unsuccessfully attempted to condense water, sang songs around a campfire, and had a blast (no fireworks next year). The 2011 camp themes will be mining and archery. Missed seeing Matt (no photos this year) because he was in training at Ft. Lewis and Ft. Knox. He let us use his new red truck. Colby flew home with Grandpa, who flew back to pick up Andrea, take photos of her family (35), and go to Jake and Erica (Shirts) Frost's wedding (36). Paul and Kate and Rachel and Garrett (37) joined us. We drove home via La Veta, Colorado and stayed with our friends Dick and Cheryl Coons, for whom Andrea had made a quilt. We stopped at the Capulin Volcano on the way home. Got back in time for Avalyn's birthday (38). Ben and Sara sent us a photo (39). We were able to have dinner with Roice and Sarah in Austin one night (40). Andrea has spent a lot of time making purses for the Shirts Reunion between Christmas and New Years (41a & 41b). Also, no photo of Rob this year. Rob graduates from Sam Houston State in English this month. Roice really enjoys playing chess with Rob (42). We hope you are each looking forward to the positive sides of 2011, as we are!

With Love, 

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Move 66 RoiceZ: sresresre  
Move 65 Robsta: check  
Move 65 RoiceZ: Congratulations Graduate!  
Move 63 Robsta: check...  
Move 63 RoiceZ: Almost only counts in horseshoes!  
Move 62 Robsta: check, I almost stale mated you the move before last  
Move 62 RoiceZ: Congratulations you graduate.  
Move 61 Robsta: up really early, my last cram session of my undergraduate career. Check  
Move 61 RoiceZ: Still up or up really really early?  
Move 60 Robsta: the end is near  
Move 60 RoiceZ: sresresre  
Move 59 Robsta: got your rook, I am a little closer  
Move 59 RoiceZ: Close only counts in horse shoes, unless you are mixing metaphors and talking about graduation.  
Move 58 Robsta: check, I am getting close  
Move 57 RoiceZ: check  
Move 57 Robsta: sresresre  
Move 56 RoiceZ: Check.  
Move 55 RoiceZ: Check.  
Move 54 RoiceZ: check  
Move 50 Robsta: check  
Move 49 RoiceZ: Why is that? I love mornings.  
Move 48 Robsta: biech... I hate the morning sometimes check  
Move 48 RoiceZ: sresresre  
Move 47 Robsta: check  
Move 47 RoiceZ: No. Then I would have put my rook in jeopardy  
Move 46 Robsta: you should have put my rook in jeopardy  
Move 46 RoiceZ: sresresre  
Move 45 Robsta: check  
Move 45 RoiceZ: sresresre  
Move 44 Robsta: check, u nut  
Move 43 Robsta: sresresre  
Move 43 RoiceZ: sresresre  
Move 42 Robsta: arg!  
Move 42 RoiceZ: Thanks!  
Move 41 Robsta: That is very scholarly of you. If you want to cite Wikipedia, don't. Just find the sources at the bottom of the page and use those. You can't cite something that anyone can post unless it is for a popular style paper. For more information: <http://library.williams.edu/citing/wikipedia.php>  
Move 41 RoiceZ: OK. You got me. Most of my references for <http://www.walden3d.com/openmind> are Wikipedia.  
Move 40 Robsta: No way! I cite Wikipedia in all my research papers; the Internet is the best.  
Move 40 RoiceZ: Just as bad.  
Move 39 Robsta: I read it on the internet  
Move 39 RoiceZ: Don't believe what you see in the movies.  
Move 38 Robsta: check, ghosts don't sleep silly  
Move 38 RoiceZ: Which is a good idea, since the Holy Ghost goes to bed at 9:00 CST.  
Move 37 Robsta: early to bed, early to rise, make a man miss out on the night life  
Move 37 RoiceZ: Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.



Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
to you and yours!