

# NEWS FROM ANDY, RACH AND ELLA V.D.G

## We're Moving!!



This is our house being built



This is almost how our house will look when its done - This is Tobler's house next to ours.

## How's Ella?

Ella is such a bundle of joy and continues to bless our lives each day with her antics. She is very extroverted and loves to make people smile and laugh.

She is now 15 months old and growing very fast for her age - I think she will be tall!

Her favourite things to do are walking around all by herself, playing with her tigger and dolly and going after our laptops - she keeps us very busy. :-)

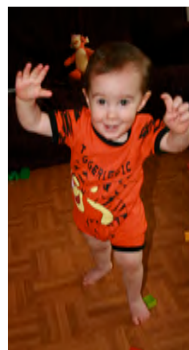
It may come as a rather sudden announcement - as we haven't mentioned anything about this at all until now. We have been considering it for quite some time and made our decision in March, but just haven't gotten around to sending out this newsletter until now!

After 4 years in Geneva we have decided to move to the house that we are building near Zurich. We began to build the house last year as part of the 4 house building project that Andy's brother in law initiated in a little village called Solenberg, overlooking the mountains and lake Zurich. Our initial plan was to stay in Geneva, and Andy would continue working and we would rent out the house after we had built it, keeping the basement apartment for ourselves for when we visit.

But the more we continued to travel up to work on the house the more the idea grew in our hearts that it would be the best next step to actually move there ourselves. Now with Ella in our lives we have been much more aware of our need for connections with family and being a part of a community in some way, something that we have not managed to do being in Geneva, for many reasons.

We are very excited about this next step as we will be neighbors with Andy's sister and husband who we are very close to and also another couple and their children who are Ella's age that we will be able to get to know much more.

Andy just had his last day at work on Friday June 20th and has finished up really well. When we move, he plans on being self employed doing web and programming work, computer stuff and we are also looking at building more log houses as we have had so much interest in ours during the building process that it is a real possibility. It is a big transition, but we are very excited about this next phase in our lives!



## What's happening with Rach?

Since starting to study Nutritional Medicine in 2005 I am now almost halfway through the degree program. I still have 2 1/2 years to go as it is a 5 year part time program. I have been challenged through all the research that is involved and have been pushed to go deeper in understanding many aspects of health and nutrition.

Since giving birth to Ella it has been much more of a challenge to get my assignments done and find time to study, but I have been plodding along slowly.

When we move I will still be able to offer my services to those who come and stay in our holiday apartment, so that should be interesting and it will keep my consultation skills up, but I won't be doing nearly as much as I will be so busy already with just studying and Ella and the new addition...

## A New Addition???

We have exciting news that we will be adding to our family (all going well) by January 2009!

I am 3 months pregnant and we are thrilled about the timing as it will be perfect to have another little one in our family, especially now that we are moving to a bigger house. Having much more support around us from family and friends will be great as well. :-)

We will keep you posted with progress on the pregnancy as we can. :-)

## Holiday Apartment

When we move to our house we plan on renting out our basement apartment as a holiday apartment for people to come and stay and enjoy the region. We are right in the middle of several ski regions, close to Zurich, Lichtenstein and Austria so it is a great location. Plus the view is stunning.

We are also thinking that this will help pay the mortgage and a way of meeting new people which is always fun.

## In NZ for Christmas...



We will be spending time in New Zealand for Christmas this year and also plan on giving birth there in January. We will

stay until the baby is about 1 month old, returning February 24th.

We haven't been home since Christmas 2005 and look forward to spending time with friends and family we haven't seen in a long time!

My sister and her family will be there and my cousin is expecting her second child in September so when we all get together the place will be overflowing with kids which will be a ton of fun!

**Heaps of Love,**

*Andy, Rach & Ella*

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Check out [www.dropshots.com/vdg](http://www.dropshots.com/vdg) for all the latest pictures and videos of Ella, the house and us!