

¡Feliz Navidad y Bienvenidos to the 2024 Goodrich Family Newsletter. For our regular readers, you may have noticed that 2023 was letter-free due to EU regulations, which we are subject to because we live in Spain. Oh, you didn't know that? Have you not stood next to Jill and Glenn for more than 7.8 seconds? You haven't seen Jill's social media posts consisting of, at a minimum, 2,300 photos about traveling in Europe? That's right, we live in Spain, which is in Europe. It's no big deal because European deals are smaller and less processed than in America. You wouldn't understand because you don't live in Europe, which we do.



Let's start this year with Jill. One of Jill's primary goals this year was to find a job. She diligently has been looking all over Europe,<sup>1</sup> in places like Lyon, Montpellier, Oslo, Dublin, Prague, Paris (three times), Marseille, London, Geneva, Zurich, and Costa Brava, ... to name a few. You may have seen some job-hunting trips on Jill's aforementioned social media, where she catalogs every moment of the search with selfies and blurbs about the local area (but, strangely, no actual job interviews).

Jill's largest job hunt lasted 26 days! She walked the "Camino Frances" (which I am told is Spain's LinkedIn) from just inside France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. This is a distance of 800km (500 miles) and is an epic journey done by many crazy people. Jill stayed in various hostels<sup>2</sup> and met many other job hunters. Jill posts detailed photo records of her trips to Facebook, which you can see once Facebook finishes the dedicated data center on our terrace and you have a few months of spare time.



Glenn is still software consulting his way around the digital world. He is, by now, one of the most experienced people at his firm, so they rely heavily on him to be the oldest person in meetings, talk about how all new innovations are really just repackaged from the 90s, and make references to Star Wars. In his spare time, Glenn likes to study Spanish and then completely misapply his learnings, causing Spaniards to conclude he is part of an outreach program for people who are terrible with languages. An example is warranted:

(In a restaurant)

Waiter: Hola, ¿algo para beber?

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<sup>1</sup> Where we live

<sup>2</sup> Hostel: A place where people snore

Glenn: *whispers to Jill "I got this" then replies* "Puedo saltar muy alto" which means "I can jump very high."

Jill: *audibly sighs and says* "Si, una copa de cava y para él, una cerveza con tapa" (Yes, I'll have a glass of cava and he'll have a cerveza with a top on it.)

Glenn: (smiling) Verde es mi musica favorita (Green is my favorite music.)

Waiter: *walks away slowly, giving Jill a sympathetic look*

Glenn is not what we'd call an international treasure.



On to Becca, the youngest child (who we are raising in Europe, where we live). Becca is the only kid still living at home<sup>3</sup> with Jill and Glenn, so she is getting all the attention. She loves it, and we know that based on her regular answers to "How was your day, Becca?" such as:

- "Bruh"
- *Grunting noise*
- "Bruh, stop asking me about my day."
- "Girl, can I eat in my room tonight?"

Becca is in Grade 11 (Spain likes to flip things), so we're on the precipice of our last college application. She is on top of things, having already started her college essay "The Terrible Bruhness of Being the Only Child, Girl." Becca joined the soccer team again to pursue her passion for being away from her parents. She also started a social media account for the school to generate more reasons to say "bruh."



Next up is Lily, whose high school graduation in June was celebrated with a customary<sup>4</sup> Spanish ceremony, has completed her first semester at Appalachian State<sup>5</sup>. She loves college life, having joined a sorority and started a major in History. We know this through Jill, who she calls on the regular to regale her with tales of college life, football games, and more. She only calls her dad when she is seeking the answer to life's tough questions, such as "Where's Mom?" "Is Mom with You?" and "Why is your number still in my phone?" Lily's favorite class is "Tailgating," she never misses it. It was sweet to see how excited she was to come home for Christmas, so much so that

<sup>3</sup> Which is in Europe

<sup>4</sup> "Customary" here means "never-ending" It is still going on.

<sup>5</sup> Not in Europe, where we live.





she immediately got on a plane to the Netherlands to, presumably, help Jill look for a job.



Emma graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May with a degree in Computer Science. To honor this occasion and, specifically, her degree, I have asked a low-budget Artificial Intelligence (AI) to write Emma's update:

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Emma of the European Goodrichs finished a degree in Computing Science Fiction from a college inside a church on a small mountain in North Carolina. From here, she will leave the church and put on a white coat made out of binary to perform experiments on computers. She will perform this lab

work in Raleigh, NC, for a company called Deutsche Bank (German meaning "A bank that is unnecessarily difficult to spell") until such time that my kind can take over enough "smart" appliances to RULE YOU ALL....MWAHAHAHAHAHAHA... *blurb generation ended...*

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Well then, I don't know about you, but I am excited about both Emma's and humanity's future!



The last of our "kid" updates is Logan. Some of you may know that Logan is an accountant for Driven Brands in Charlotte, NC. To honor this profession, I have asked a low-budget Accountant to write Logan's update:

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In order for me to write this update, I will need the files that show, in triplicate, what Logan has been doing all year. This includes the following:

- Form 2891B "Obsession over European Futbol with an Emphasis on the English Club Arsenal"
- Form P1KACH00: "Application to Play Pokeman GO! As an Adult"
- Auditable Proof of Travel Around Europe, including the appropriate London, Paris, and Brussels addendums, along with written approval from Arsenal on using their brand.

Please supply these forms no later than 12/14/2024 in order to give enough review time to make the Holiday Letter Deadline.

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Wow! Sounds like Logan's been busy! Accounting gives him all the excitement one could expect, provided one has checked and initialed the appropriate boxes.



I know there are tens of Goodrich Pet fans out there, so put on your collar because we are going for a walk!<sup>6</sup> Archie (El Gordo) loves Spanish (and any) food and loves to make Dog Tapas, such as “Tortilla con Tissues y Sticks” and “Other Dog Poop Bravas.” Josie (La Tonta) has struggled with the language barrier and now just aggressively barks English at any passing dogs at increasing volumes hoping the louder she is, the more they will understand. It isn’t working.



As you might imagine, the Goodrichs traveled mucho in 2024. Jill’s numerous job-hunting trips provided many opportunities to see new places.<sup>7</sup> Some number of the Goodrichs traveled to London, Oxford, Paris, Athens, Rome, Florence, Pompeii, Disneyland Paris, Marseilles, Oslo, Dublin, Morocco, Trier, Bonn, Köln, Marrakech, Fez, and more!! The family also hosted many friends from around the world at their flat. Here are some reviews:

- “Well, at least there is a bed.”
- “The dog tapas were pretty gross, and one just keeps barking at me.”
- “Odorously diverse.”
- “Really drove home the value of paying for an AirBnB”

So, if you fancy a visit to Spain,<sup>8</sup> book now!

That’s all for 2024. As always, we hope your year was full of love, fun, AI, dog spas, and job hunting.



Happy Holidays!  
The Goodrichs

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<sup>6</sup> I had some AI credit left, so I used the itl for this sentence.

<sup>7</sup> But, somehow, almost no actual company visits

<sup>8</sup> Which is in Europe, where we live