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WELCOME TO MY FORTH NEWSLETTER... AND FINAL FOR 2009 photoG quarterly

Hello friends! Well here we are at the end of another year; for me, one of such change, adventure and discovery. Here's toasting the new year in...

A merry Christmas and happy safe holidays to you and your family!

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Diwali in Singapore...

Singapore streets and restaurants light up during the annual Diwali (Deepavali) holiday celebrating India's *Festival of Lights* in October. Local Indians put on concerts, paint their hands and feet with decorative mehndi (see pic left), light oil candles and fire-crackers and feast on tasty Indian food and sweets!

Recent travel...

Photo coverage of recent trips included...

Bangkok - escaped Singapore for a short break in Bangkok. Such a beautiful city by night that gave up some amazing cityscapes and glowing views.

Taipei - Stretched a long weekend to trip around Danshui, Taipei Museum, bustling city streets and hiked up to the mountain peak in Yangmingshan National Park. Phew!

Lake Toba - Halloween weekend and it was off to Lake Toba. A not-so-advertised destination that took a flight to Medan (Indonesia), a four-hour bus trip and a one-hour ferry ride to get to. Was great once there. Laid back and no stress...until the trip back!

China - Visited Shanghai and Beijing. Big cities all look the same after a while. Managed to get out to Hangzhou and Shuzhou townships. A little touristy but a nice change of pace from the crazy lights and shopping.

Hochiminh city - This was a spontaneously planned trip into one of the busiest cities in Vietnam. Just crossing the road is an adventure in itself! Cheap food and beer!

Kochi (Cochin) - The second largest city in Kerala, India and my second trip to India this year. Such a beautifully diverse country and very different to the north.

New locations...

Plans for Q1 and Q2 include New York, Bali - Lombok and Hong Kong. Living here in Singapore I'm sure I'll be able to squeeze some additional little mini-adventures!

Travel warning...

When booking a trip to Burma (Myanmar), **do not** say you are a "photographer" or "journalist"! Your visa application will be sent to the embassy for review that can take weeks. This happened to me and caused me to cancel the trip. Disappointed I was.



Adidas running...

An athlete primed for sponsorship came to Singapore National Stadium seeking images for his latest running campaign. The stadium is now rarely used for athletic events but still holds all the character and ambiance of a great sporting venue.

Some recent stock images



Bangkok, Thailand



Windchimes in Wulai, Taipei, Taiwan



Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China



Fruit vendor, Hochiminh city, Vietnam



Kochi backwaters, Kerala, India

