

This was our 2011



We used the winter to improve our sledging and snowball fighting skills



Rome was the scenery of our 5th anniversary in February

Over Easter we visited Italian friends in Bologna and since then plan to enrol at its ice cream university one day

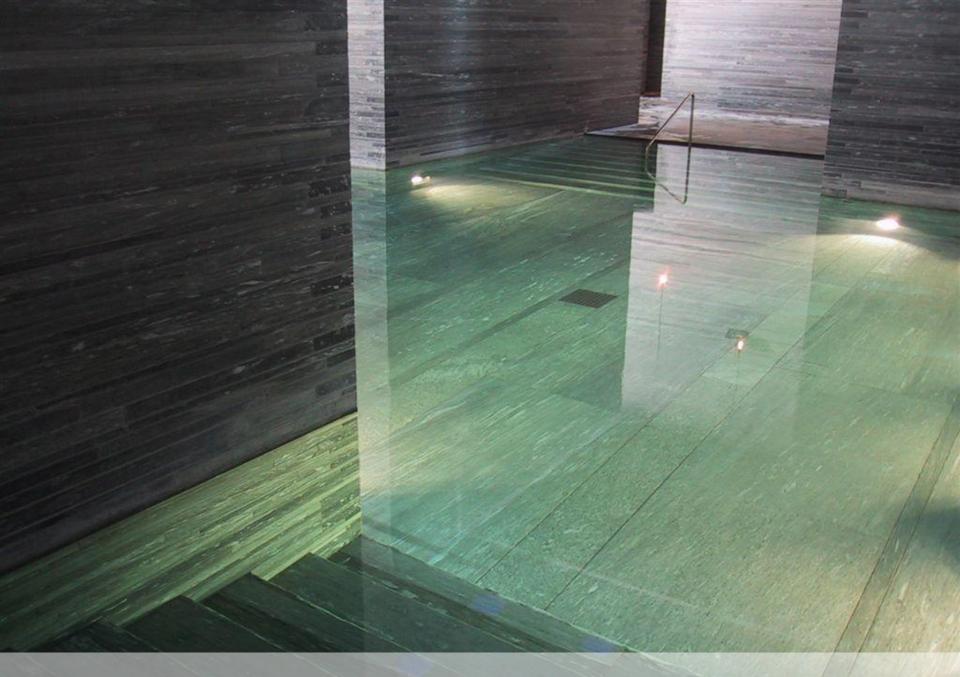
In May, Benjamin's sister gave birth to David, balancing somewhat the gender ratio of his family's offspring



In May we went on holiday to Armenia where fighter jet pilots taught us how to drink vodka, where we rode the longest cable car in the world and where it was easy to have a great time



On May 25th we watched FC Basel becoming Swiss Football Champion 2010/11 \*sing\* Meister, Schwizer Meister, schalalalalalalalalalalalalalala, Meister, Schwizer Meister! \*sing\*



In June we indulged in Vals' famous spa and raced down the mountains by kick scooter



This summer we wanted to climb uncharted hills and mountains in the Swiss Alps (check), learn new mountain names (Annemiek, check) and get over the fear of heights (Benjamin, huge fail)

Annemiek's parents came along and we wanted to go camping together. However, due to bad weather, we ended up in Benjamin's parents' garden



In August Annemiek started her new job as usability consultant at "Die Ergonomen"



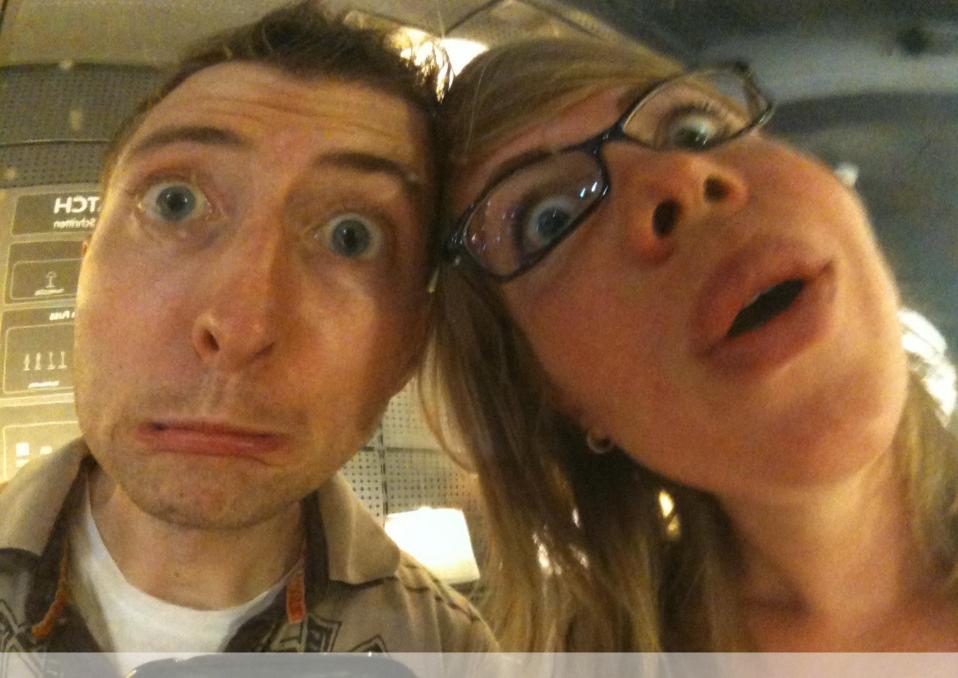
During the long weekend of August 1st we discovered Prague (if only the weather god had been with us...)



We enjoyed the Frey-family-weekend at lake Neuchâtel



In September, Benjamin received an honorable discharge from his army service



We made progress with furnishing our flat in spite of not always being focused while shopping



Benjamin joined his old Dutch floorball team for an international tournament in Rome. They only became second but definitely won the price for best accommodation



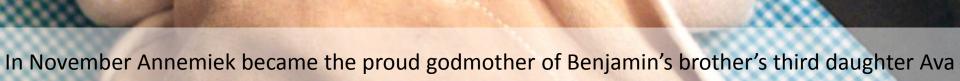
On Benjamin's birthday we had dinner at the Dolder Grand and it was the best meal ever (except for yours Mom)



On the Van-der-Heijden-family-weekend in October, we went for mudflat hiking in the Ijsselmeer



Benjamin went on a memorable vacation to China and since then is convinced that in fact there are at least 3 billion Chinese. They really were all over the place (due to her new job, Annemiek couldn't join)





After meeting Rüdiger Nehberg, Benjamin found a personal hero in this survival expert and human rights activist

In December, Benjamin took part at the Samichlausschwimmen (shame on all the friends who backed out with poor excuses)



We spent Christmas with our families singing and eating in Switzerland and the Netherlands



2011 ended chilly but cosy in our own built igloo

All in all, it was a good year and we are looking forward to what 2012 may bring