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Hi Everybody,

We are all anxiously awaiting Christmas and it appears to be coming rapidly (a phenomenon of age and 4 young children, we suspect).

In August we all went back to Minnesota (Joe & Becky drove with Joe's brother Jim and the rest flew). We spent part of our vacation at Grand Lake near St. Cloud with Judy's parents & part at White Earth Lake with Joe's parents. Joe's dad Ray was in the hospital most of the time still recovering from knee injuries suffered in a car accident 6 years ago (he had one leg amputated this summer).

It was good to renew family ties. Joe was fortunate to spend a day with his Grandpa Krier discussing the Krier Family Tree as we just learned that Grandpa Krier died December 4th.

Tembrock 'Cots' was the word during July. We dried, canned, froze, jammed, jellied and leathered lots of apricots from our land near Hollister (50 miles south of here). Fortunately we all love cots (there are also a few walnuts on the land), and we like to be out in the country. Joe is currently working on a water system and a shed and plans to start planting other fruit, nut, berry and perhaps Christmas trees (we have 5-1/2 acres of land).

Joe's brother Bill, his wife Kathy, & children John & Nicole spent a very enjoyable Thanksgiving with us. It had been seven years since they were here. They left the big city a couple of years ago and are fruit farmers in Western Colorado.

Joe got a promotion at Hewlett-Packard & now is in charge of Data Processing for his Division. He finds working with people exciting and challenging. His role on the Parish Council has been a bit frustrating as there is little real cooperation between the Council & the Pastor.

Judy is very active as Chairperson of the School Advisory Committee at our local grade school. Today she spent the whole day with district auditors looking over the school plan & how it is carried out. She still coordinates the Clothes Closet at our Church. The above plus tending & inspiring a two year old boy & 3 girls keeps her busy.

Becky, our oldest, is 10 years old and is almost a young lady (she says an "old child"). She enjoys life, has a good sense of humor and remembers everything.

Mary is our social child. She already is always on the phone talking to her friends. She joined a soccer team this fall and just loves it. Their team is undefeated going into the playoffs.

Amy still has boys asking her to play cowboys and other boy games and likes to build things and observe nature. She and Mary both take piano lessons.

Joey keeps the whole house excited. He is alternately serious, happy, inquisitive or independent. He says "Help me" and then "Selfee".

We recently joined a group of Christian families (12 families with about 80 members in all). It is primarily social but we are experiencing a beautiful Christian community.

If you are in California please stop and see us.

Joe Judy Becky Mary Amy Joey