

December 20, 1979

Dear All,

Greetings from California. This year we are trying a different approach to our Christmas letter. Each member of our family will write their own part of the letter.

Joe

Today we finished our soccer season and we won the championship. We ended up with 14 wins, 1 tie and no losses. Judy and I coached Amy's team (5th and 6th grade) and they were such a neat bunch of girls.

We had a good apricot crop from our orchard this year. The walnuts had lots of worms. I've planted about 50 other fruit and nut trees and some table grapes. The country is so neat as our once almost country town is getting very busy. My folks took Judy and I, my brother Paul and sister Marilyn and spouses on a 10 day trip to the Holy Land. It was extremely interesting and inspirational. I was most inspired by the Sea of Galilee. A storm came up while we were at Copernicus and I could picture Jesus in a boat on the sea.

Joey

I was the assistant coach on Amy's soccer team. I go to kindergarten at Faria Public School and I also go to Montessori School. I like to run. I am 5½ and I can do a no-handed sommersault and also I can do the splits. I'm taking gymnastics.

Becky

I'm 13½ and in the 8th grade. It seems like every day I have something to do. Following is an example of my week: Monday - Drama Club; Tuesday - Ballet; Wednesday - teach gymnastics and take ballet; Thursday - soccer; Friday - FREE DAY; Saturday - soccer games; Sunday - Church. I'm looking forward to a school trip to Yosemite National Park; a trip to Mexico with my family and a ski trip with a church group. Last summer I spent 5 weeks in Minnesota seeing many friends and relatives.

Mary

I'm 12½ and I'm in the 7th grade. I go to school at Kennedy Jr. High School. I'm looking forward to cross-country skiing this winter at Tahoe. We go skiing every year, and it's fun. I played soccer this year and we got a trophy but not the first place trophy. We won our league but not the final championship. We might take the train to Mexico and that would be exciting. The thing I'm not looking forward to is going back to school in January.

Amy

I'm 10½ years old and in the 5th grade. I go to school at Faria. My hobbies are soccer, ballet and gymnastics. I'm in school football. Next year our family is going to Disneyland and Mexico. I can't wait until we have our ballet performance, I don't know what it's going to be about but it's probably going to be good like usual. We're in first place for soccer and we got a blue trophy.

Judy

Everyone is in school now including me. I'm taking Spanish at De Anza College which is just a block away from our house.

I have a new hobby which I just love. I've taken two courses now in photography and it is a medium I really like. This summer I did a bit of developing of black and white. I especially like people shots, and with this active family I have plenty of subject matter.

On December 16th Joe's dad had a heart attack and Joe flew to Minnesota to be with him and his family. We are all praying for him. He is in intensive care in the hospital.

A dear friend of ours, Linda Jozovich a 19 year old girl, has been missing since November 6th. She appears to have been kidnapped. We are all praying for her and her family.

Peace this Christmas,
The Tembrocks