

Christmas 1988

Dear Friends,

Joe I am reminiscing of my busy, fun filled year and all the things that have happened. I just got my brother Jim's Christmas letter yesterday and I am still in awe from it. He said that real worth and life comes from following Christ in suffering service. It is so easy to be distracted with all I have and do.... This year was a good year for apricots from our orchard (near Hollister about 60 miles south of here). As all the orchards have disappeared from Cupertino some of my friends are enjoying a day in the country pruning and picking apricots and other fruit. I'm still only caring for 20 or so of the 200 trees that are in the orchard (just too busy). I got to Minnesota via Colorado this summer. Climbed a 14,000er with my brother Bill, did some river tubing and enjoyed their family and apple orchard. The fish were biting so well in Minnesota that we threw them back for a week as all the freezers were full (honest story). Work at Hewlett-Packard is better, I actually enjoy coming to work most days as I have a good mixture of hands on problem solving/ training and project analysis (I'm the old timer who knows how a lot of stuff fits together). I'm doing some initial puzzling and thinking about the health of my church (Catholic) and what I might do to help over the next 30 years. I'm helping teach confirmation class for the second year and I'm not impressed (the kids are great, but their faith is hard to perceive). I'm having a lot of fun with our kids. Joey & I are in to backpacking, fishing and hunting (love it). Our daughters are basically adults and I'm enjoying career discussions, boys, money challenges, cars, etc (never a dull moment).

Judy My business keeps growing and I enjoy it a lot. It is amazing how many hours one will work when one works for herself. The picture on the front of our Christmas card is one I did to record the friendship between Joey and his friend Terel. I sent it to the Nationals and it became part of the permanent loan collection of the Professional Photographers of America. It was displayed at Epcot Center and is now touring the U.S. Not bad considering it was the first time I entered this competition.

Becky (22) In June I graduated from Cal Poly and I am now working on my teaching credential. It is exciting to be on the other side of the desk. I'm living in an old Victorian house in San Luis Obispo. I live with 6 other girls and one boy. This Halloween we had a huge party - 150 people. We dressed up as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Jonathan made a lovely Snow White. I really enjoy having my two sisters at school with me. Amy and I played soccer together this quarter and our team won the championships. Mary and I eat lunch together once a week. It's great she is working now. She's my personal bank. I am helping coordinate the Big Sister/Little Sister program through the Newman Center. My Little Sister's name is Risa and we have a lot of fun together. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary (21) I am now a senior at Cal Poly and my projected graduation date is June of 1990. I'm majoring in liberal studies with a psychology minor and I plan to get a masters in some aspect of psychology. This past year has been both busy and eventful. I was the president of our women's water polo team that went to the Nationals in Anapolis, Maryland. We placed 5th in the Nation. We've already begun practice for our upcoming season and

hope to do even better. This year I hold the offices of secretary and social chairman of our club. Being social chairman means that I get to organize all the social events of the season, which includes get togethers with various men's clubs - I'm not complaining! I'm now waitressing at a health food restaurant where I work between 15 - 25 hours per week. This keeps me pretty busy, but I'm having fun.

Amy (19) It's Christmas time again and time to try and tell you what's happened this last year of my life. This year I'm a sophomore at Cal Poly and still majoring in Industrial Technology. I haven't quite decided which option of my major to emphasize on, or what I'm planning on doing after graduation, but I know that I enjoy my classes. In one of my classes I designed a house and drew the blueprints for it. I'm definitely learning a lot of new and exciting things. I'm also involved in some Christian groups on campus and I'm beginning to learn a lot more about myself and the Bible. Although things are going great now, this year had an interesting start. I turned my housing money in late, and then the housing people overbooked the dorms. Consequently, I didn't have a permanent place to live for the first month of school. I ended up staying on a couch at my friends apartment (along with two very frisky cats). I had a very busy summer this year and was a camp counselor at the YMCA and worked for my Mom. I really had fun with the kids this summer, but it sure takes up a lot of energy. Although there is a lot of discipline involved, it's fun to act like a kid sometimes. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and a meaningful Christmas!

Joey (14) I am a Freshman at Monta Vista High School. I have 5 A's and 2 B's. I am in the Marching Band and I play percussion. My Select Soccer Team did alright this year. This summer I hiked in Yosemite about 30 miles with a 30 pound backpack. We also took a vacation to Mammoth (in the Sierras) and Minnesota. I brought my best friend Terel on all these trips and we had lots of fun. In Minnesota we caught lots of fish and visited relatives and enjoyed washing dishes at Pauls's house, hint, hint. Dad gave me his old 22 rifle to practice shooting at the range. The ski season has just started and I am excited because I got some new skiis. I am planning lots of ski trips with the Cupertino Parks and Recreation, Church and family. This summer I plan to visit Oregon, Washington and the Peugot Sound with my Mom and Dad. I am excited because I have never visited there before. Merry Christmas.

Joe, Judy, Becky, Mary, Amy and Joey Tembrock