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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! Another year has flown by--we can best measure our year by looking at Beth and Sarah--they just keep growing! Beth is three now, goes to nursery school three mornings a week and loves it. Sarah is 19 months old, very active and learning to talk. They keep us busy and happy!

We travelled a bit more this year--a little easier now that the children are older. Pat took the girls to New York to visit her parents and managed a weeks' visit to relatives in Massachusetts (Sarah cleverly had the measles in the midst of all this). We had a family reunion of the Winter's (including Nancy and Doug home from Kathmandu) just missing two husbands. After three weeks up north we three flew to Tallahassee where we met Mel. He taught a science course for the National Science Foundation for high school students for two weeks (interrupted his jogging). We really enjoyed seeing FSU again and visiting a number of friends that we hadn't seen in a number of years. We came home via Picayune, Mississippi (Dawn and Ken Cram and baby Marc) and then had several days in Vicksburg with Mel's family. It was a bit sad to be home since it was the first time we had all been back since Mel's mother died in January, but it was great to see everyone again.

Mel and I had a wonderful opportunity in early September. We attended a Danforth Foundation Conference at the YMCA of the Rockies--we left the children for the six days at the Rileys--our "family" here. It was fantastic--the scenery and the conference! We felt like we were walking around half dressed with no ki's--but it sure was fun!

Mel took his dad to Washington with him for the physics conference in November. His dad had never flown or been to Washington so he and Mel had a great time. They did quite a lot of sightseeing--especially at the Smithsonian Museum. He combined that trip with a few days visit here which was really nice.

We hope this has been a good year for you. Let us hear from you!