

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2000!

This first year of the millennium has been filled with fun and adventure for our family.

Jenn finished her freshman year at the University of Colorado in Boulder in May. She is now a sophomore and renting a house off campus with three other girls, which she finds much more enjoyable than the dorms. She has become an excellent shopper and money manager and can make soup with the best of gourmet cooks! She holds down a part time job working at the Pepsi Center (the athletic center for the Denver Avalanche hockey team and Denver Nuggets professional basketball team) and has become an avid women's rugby team member for C.U. We have been astounded that they play rugby outdoors in all kinds of weather and how rough a sport it is!

Laura has just turned twelve and is becoming quite a young lady. As a sixth grader she is discovering algebra and as a young lady she is discovering clothes and make-up. She keeps us hopping with choir, band (trumpet), gymnastics, swimming, horseback riding and church youth group. Her current project involves changing the décor of her room from grade school Winnie the Pooh to Teenage Modern.

Although Milo's work and desk have stayed the same, the company has changed hands three times this year so we're never quite sure who he works for this month. His second job involves keeping the computer system working at the veterinary hospital and trying to keep up with the constant list of things to do there. Sandy continues to work but spends too much time at management. She enjoys eventing horses and spent five days in Kentucky in the spring watching the U.S. Olympic Equestrian team compete.

In July Jenn participated in a People to People Ambassador program as a member and captain of a swim team representing the United States. She spent a week in New Zealand and a week in Australia swimming with a contingent of young people. At that time we joined her for an additional two-week vacation. We spent several days in Brisbane visiting our old college friends, Ray and Jen Shorter and their son, Dan who is the same age as Jenn. They showed us the Gold Coast beaches and we enjoyed reliving "old times" and renewing our friendship. We then traveled north and stayed in the rain forest near Port Douglas and spent time snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. It is truly a spectacular place and we were fascinated with the life on the reef. Our last few days were spent in Sydney at a bed and breakfast at the base of the famous Sydney Bridge and Opera House. We had a truly wonderful time and would recommend travel "down under" to anyone!

We are looking forward to having Jenn home for the holidays and Sandy's parents with us for Christmas. We will take some time off to enjoy their company and to ski and snowboard (Laura's newest sport) and to reflect on all the blessings God has given us.

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a blessed New Year!

Milo, Sandy, Jenn and Laura