



Season's Greetings...

Dear «PersonalName»,

Although we have probably lost count, this is probably our 10th annual Christmas letter. Does anyone still have any of them?

Jonathan is twelve years old this year and is in the seventh grade. He is almost as tall as his mom and by this time next year will easily be taller. Jonathan played football for the first time this year. He played for the Boys Club Aztecs and had a perfect season. (*They lost every game*). Even so, he can't wait to play again next year.

Jennifer, who is now in the third grade, celebrated her ninth birthday in November with a 50's era birthday party. Jenny along with several of her friends dressed 50's style complete with saddle shoes and poodle skirts. They all had a bee-boppin' good time.

Carol is 1 year older than she was last year and although she worked last school year and the first trimester of this year in the Christian School, she decided that it was time to *graduate* to other things and will be working at home for a while.

Speaking of graduating...Roger graduated this year with his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems. Roger's job for the second year in a row has involved extensive travel. Twice this year Roger has traveled to Malaysia. During Roger's first trip in January, Roger found out just how cheap labor is in Malaysia. Faced with either extending Roger's and another co-worker's stay for 2 days or with idling 200 production workers for about twenty hours, the company decided it was cheaper to idle the production workers.

Carol joined Roger on his second trip to Malaysia in June. Together they spent 2 nights in Singapore, 1 week in Malaysia, and 4 nights in Hong Kong. Singapore, which is only a few miles south of Malaysia is one of the most modern countries in the world. In contrast, Malaysia is definitely third world, with open sewers next to the sidewalks. And of course, there is Hong Kong, which we both agree is just one giant shopping mall.

This summer was one of the best yet for visitors as Carol's mom and Jason (Carol's nephew) stayed with us in June. We also had a visit from Ron and Valerie Porter (Roger's youth group leader when Roger was in High School). Ron and Valerie dropped by on their way back from Promise Keepers. And then in July, Roger's mom came for a visit. We made many wonderful memories with family and friends this summer. Let's do it again next year!

September was a time of celebration, as Carol, Jonathan and Jennifer made a trip back to Illinois to attend Carol's sister's wedding. Sharon (Hay) and Bill Rosignol were married on September second. It was a beautiful ceremony, and I am not just saying that because Jonathan was an usher and Jennifer was an attendant. Incidentally, Jonathan was the most handsome usher and Jennifer was a beautiful attendant - we have pictures - just ask!!

«PersonalName», this year, we will be spending the Holidays at home. We hope to get a chance to see or hear from you over the holidays. Until then, remember that...**the God who once dwelt among us may now dwell within you.**

Wishing the «LastName» home a... **Merry Christmas,**