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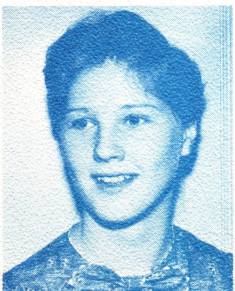
David



Margaret



Judy



Karin

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus whose birth we are honoring at this season!

If you receive our greeting a little late this year, perhaps even after Christmas, it is not because we thought of you in the last minute. A number of things has held up the photography this year. The family picture that we chose is very poor but it is too late to take it over. Karin very reluctantly got out of a sick bed to come down to pose with us.

Looking back on this past year we can say that God has been very gracious to us. It hasn't been the happiest of years, but we thank God for the shadows as well as the sunshine.

The first highlight was in March when Margaret and David were baptized. This was at their own request, having given clear evidence that they wished to follow in their Lord's footsteps.

Also in March the head of the family left for Europe where he carried out some of his missionary duties. Paul came back to us in August. If you receive our newsletter you have read all about it. If not, let us know and we will be glad to send you a monthly (sometimes bimonthly) letter.

While Dad was in Europe, young Paul fell from a tree, fracturing his arm quite badly. He had to stay in the hospital eleven days. He wore a cast for eight weeks, but is hale and hearty once more, still willing to climb trees.

Shortly after Paul was out of the hospital, David went in for an adenoidectomy. He was snoring so loudly that we had to isolate him from the rest of us at night.

Margaret will be entering Senior High this fall. She has had a busy year with not as much time as she would like for swimming and ice skating.

Judy is in her Junior year in High School and is quite



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Ruth

a "joiner". For a while she was trying to be in three choral groups but has found it too much. A C.A. or a Y.F.C. convention would be incomplete without Judy.

Karin is graduating in May from Monte Vista Christian School. She has her heart set on entering Bible College in the fall. She may have to work a year first, however.

We do have so little to complain about, don't you think? They are but small annoyances compared with the real sorrows and tragedies of this world. Mothers have lost their sons. Children and wives have had fathers who have abandoned them. The greatest tragedy of all is a life without hope built on Jesus, the incarnate son of God, who gives true peace of mind in spite of all the turmoil in the world today.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Ruth and Paul Demetrus and family

STILL REMEMBER YOUR KIND
HOSPITALITY. TRUST ALL IS
WELL. MAY THE LORD BLESS
YOU ALL.

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