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December,

Merry Christmas!

We hope you are all well and happy. This year has been busy for us, as usual.

Matthew is a freshman in high school. He is now taller than both his mother and father. He is adjusting to his new schedule and playing trombone in the marching band.

Dale marked his twentieth anniversary keeping the computer system, etc., up and running for Kawasaki Motors. In January he attended the 1996 Pro Sound Workshop. He has been working with local sound contractors to design a replacement for the failing system at UUMC. In addition to doing the sound for the in-house concerts for Shade Tree Stringed Instruments, in June he did the monitor mix for the Southern California Traditional Music Society's Celtic concert. In August and September he did the sound for the Laguna Beach concerts in Bluebird Park.

Sharon is still teaching severely handicapped students. This year her class is generally less medically fragile and a lot more mobile! As a result, the challenge is different this year. Last year the fatigue was mostly mental and emotional. This year it is definitely physical! She is still taking classes at Cal State Fullerton to get her special education credential, and is beginning to wonder if she will be finished before she retires!

Dale & Sharon sang special music at Irvine, as well as singing for the congregation at Rancho Santa Margarita. On the April 20th broadcast of The Prairie Home Companion, the Hopeful Gospel Quartet sang Sharon's new arrangement of Amazing Grace set to the

tune Cleansing Fountain. In July, Matthew joined them when they sang at Shandon United Methodist Church---truly a red-letter day in the life of our family.

Merry Christmas! May God bless you abundantly with love and peace in 1997!

Love from Dale, Sharon, and
Matthew

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