



Merry Christmas!

We are running late, as usual, but that doesn't mean we love you any less. It just means we're disorganized! Compared to past years, 2001 has been a little boring. No fabulous trips to see Matt perform in some incredible place. No surgeries, no broken bones. Still, we thought we'd fill you in on what's happening.

Matt has completed his first year of college. He is still majoring in architecture, so he has been taking various autoCAD courses and filling out his schedule with his general ed requirements, Japanese, band, and chorale. He made a trip with the chorale to San Francisco in the middle of November, right after the crash in Queens. He had a great trip, but it shouldn't be hard to imagine my state of mind! Matt plans to live at home a little while longer to save us some money before he transfers to a university. What a thoughtful guy!

During the summer, he attended two service projects, first a week up in Point Arena on the first college-age SSP, and then a week in Houston with the high school group. He enjoys hard work, as long as it's away from home! He has come to know God in a new way on these trips.

Dale is still working at Kawasaki. He is still a mainframe kind of guy, but has added a lot of telecommunications and PC knowledge to his repertoire over the years. He still runs sound for concerts at Shade Tree Stringed Instruments and various church events, and has shown a great talent for playing Santa Claus!

I am still teaching kids with disabilities. This year I have 8 students, all boys. No wheelchairs to push this year----they all run around the room and keep me very busy! I love little boys! I do, I do, I do! But I am SO glad it's Christmas break! Maybe I can get the playdough out of my hair.....

I am also still busy at church, preaching once, acting as liturgist a number of times, teaching Sunday School on occasion, organizing Laity Sunday, and singing in the choir. Matt has joined Dale and I in the choir, which is really fun. Dale and I have sung special music a few times, and Matt joined with 3 other college students to sing a number in the Christmas concert.

So even our "boring" year has been busy and wonderful!

We hope you are all having a wonderful, wonder-full Christmas. The events this fall have served to remind us that we are not in charge of the world. What we need to remember is that Evil is not in charge either -----GOD IS!! God loves us all, and we love you!!

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