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Dear Friends and Family,

It has been a busy year for us here in Tennessee, and it included trips to Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. Aaron and Christina got married this year in Las Vegas over spring break. The wedding was held at the chapel in the Excalibur hotel. We didn't get to spend much time in Las Vegas because Ron had to leave to demonstrate a new antenna developed by SRS Technologies at Pearl Harbor. Debi and Candi decided to tag along. The islands were beautiful, and Ron's demonstration was a success.

In September, Ron and Debi were invited by the company president to attend the SRS Technologies annual meeting in Punta Mita, Mexico, which is a resort near Puerto Vallarta. Ron has been successful in developing a new business area in electronic documents security, which fits well into the company's strategic plans. Last year we told you about our disastrous attempt to vacation in Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. This year we finally made it. We stayed in a cabin on Lake Erie instead of pulling our camper. We took the *Maid of the Mists* boat tour into the falls, journeyed behind the falls, got an aerial view of the falls from an observation tower, and toured Fort Erie during our short visit.

Debi gave up working for fabric and clothing stores and started substitute teaching for the high school. She was a popular substitute and ended up working full time. At the beginning of the school year, she was offered a full time position running the school's computer lab. A lot of teachers were sorry to find out she wasn't subbing again this year. Debi volunteers time to help the school's robotics team with fund raising. She is also active with the church's puppet team.

Candi has a new car to replace the Pontiac Grand Am that she wrecked in the spring. She lost control on a wet road and spun out. She wasn't injured, but the car was totaled. She's now driving a gold 1998 Saturn SC-1. She's enjoyed her new room on the second floor and spends a lot of her time there when she is not busy with school and church projects. Her long distance romance with Jonathon didn't survive the year, but she bounced right back and has a new beau for the holidays. She is still doing well in school, and she has been accepted to Lipscomb University in Nashville. Candi aced her first college course. She took economics through the local community college and earned both high school and college credit. She also achieved a perfect score in her advanced placement English course, which is also a college level course.

We have a new addition to the family this year. Daniela Koernicke has been living with us since August. Danni is an exchange student from Naumburg, Germany. She will be 17 years old in April, and she will be living with us until next June. Danni has been a real joy to have around, and she participates in a lot of school and church activities. She joined the church puppet team along with Debi and Candi, and will be traveling to Gatlinburg for the church's winter retreat later this month. Debi is going to have a rough time with empty nest syndrome this summer when Danni returns to Germany and Candi leaves for college. Danni also has a boyfriend who tends to occupy a lot of her time.

We hope this year has been happy and prosperous for you and your family. If you ever find yourself in south central Tennessee, please look us up. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Ron, Debi, Candi and Danni*

