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Greetings,

So, time is winding up and the count down for 1981 is fastly approaching. We are turning our hearts and minds towards the Christmas season and our family and friends. It does our hearts good to recall some of the events and experiences of 1981; that we can share with one another. Some of the highlights in our lives stems from our four sons that are now young men. We are thankful to God for the progress they have made. We feel we are blessed above measure.

Marvin, our oldest, is serving in the U.S. Army in Fort Carson, Colorado and doing well. He was also home several times this year. In September and October, Marvin was home for forty-five days on leave to recruit young men and women into the Army. We talked with him about every week and looking for him to be home for the Holidays.

Gregory, our second son, is very busy with his work at Yale Computer Center, as a Shift Supervisor. He is also studying at Southern Connecticut State College to continue his education in Data Processing and Dramatics. Greg is so busy, we get to talk with Marvin some times before we talk to him or see him. He sleeps when we are working, and working when we are asleep. He's a busy fellow, more work than play.

Next is our third son, Jeffrey, who is very interested in becoming a professional Chef. He is studying at Johnson and Wales in Providence, Rhode Island and he is doing very well. He has been using some of his skills during the summer working in one of the area restaurants. He's looking to receive his degree next spring.

Kenneth, the last but not the least of our boys, is a busy sophomore in High School. He has continued to be on the honor roll and participating in some of the school activities. Ken keeps up with the house chores, along with cutting the grass during the summer for our neighbors. He is getting older and is looking forward to the big sixteenth birthday, so he can get his drivers license. We depend on Kenneth a lot, he is very faithful and responsible, he keeps things rolling around the house. When we look at our sons as young men it reminds us that time is moving on. There does not seem to be enough time in a day to get all the things done; so we are learning to be thankful and take life one day at a time.

Work at the Lab is moving on also; we have some new people in the Lab. Our boss is on Sabbatical and some of our long time friends have moved away and we miss them very much.

The spring and summer 1981, is another part of the year that we enjoy. Planning the vegetable garden, butchering the chickens and going on our annual camping trip with only one son this year (Kenneth).

Our camping trip this year took us to Schroon Lake, New York and Montreal, Canada. We camped on the beautiful Schroon Lake River for seven days, where it rained every day that we were there, except one. But the rain did not damper our vacation at all, we had fun. We

also visited the Word of Life Bible School Head Quarter. Another trip that we took was just the two of us in Manchester, Vermont on the top of Mount Equinox. We spent six restful days celebrating twenty-four years together.

This year will not be complete without being thankful for our church parish family and a wonderful pastor that we love so much.

This year has been rich for us in many ways that we can't express, but we say Thank you!! Thank you until next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.