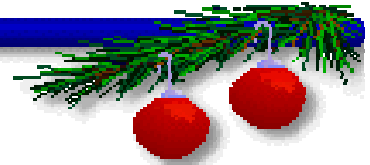


Merry Christmas!



"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Christmas 2002 greetings from the Kellogg's,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We can hardly believe that it is Christmas time again. Seems like we just wrote our last letter! One of the things that we like best about the holidays, besides the food, songs, and gifts, is the much-needed rest and the opportunity to share our year with many of our dear friends and family. So, for those of you who haven't heard from us since last Christmas, this is what we have been up to.....



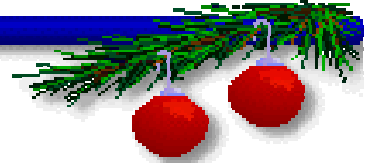
Jacob is now 2 ½ years old. Most days he is the cutest little guy with a head full of blonde curly hair, big brown eyes and an energy level that we can only dream of having. The other days, we spend thanking God that he is so cute because if he wasn't...he would be in a lot more trouble! He truly is "all boy", right down to the rough and tough way that he plays with his trucks, trains and cars, to the mud puddles he heads for outside after a storm. It is often fun to watch, but at the same time, we are finding the 2's to be extremely challenging as most parents do. We thought "infanthood" was hard; it's probably a good thing we didn't know what was really in store for us. We have decided we don't want to know what else we have to look forward to, with the exception of sleep. We are really looking forward to that someday! Believe it or not, Jake still doesn't sleep through most nights, nor will he sleep in a bed. Instead, he sleeps on a mat in the doorway of his room. Our pediatrician assured us it's nothing to worry about he will climb into a bed when he's ready. We think he's preparing to someday be a missionary or a really avid camper!



We are amazed at how fast Jacob is growing up. Everyday he says or does something new. He has developed quite a list of his own vocabulary words and the sentences are really starting to flow. His favorite is "I do it myself"! . He is also learning how to be as independent as a 2 year old possibly can. One day when he was acting up a little while running some errands with mom. The discussion began with mom telling him that he needed to listen because she was the boss...it ended with Jake pointing his little index finger and informing me "No! I the boss!" So the power struggle began. There was some truth to that statement though, because as you know your life does revolve around your kids. However, I wasn't about to let him know that, so we decided to compromise a little by letting him be the boss of the cats. That seemed to give him a sense of accomplishment.



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Besides making his parents crazy, Jacob has had quite an eventful year for a 2 year old. If asked, he would highlight them as attending a few parades for the first time and eating lots of candy, visiting the UVM farm and Parc Safari in Canada, and learning to drive his very first car! Yes, Jake has his very own Jeep. It's a battery powered one with one seat and boy does he know how to maneuver it! It has provided hours of entertainment for our neighbors and us! So that's life with Jacob.



Tom and Marybeth are doing great. Thankfully, not too much is new with us.... Just a few more gray hairs (especially on Tom, who turned 40 years old this year). Marybeth is still working three days a week in Cytopathology at Fletcher Allen Health Care and Tom is still at UVM working in Radiation Safety.



Yes, life is busy but we are so thankful for our many blessings. Christmastime for us is indeed a wonderful celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. We pray God's richest blessing on you and yours during this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

*Love,
Tom, Marybeth and Jacob*



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