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Congratulations on being a recipient of our official family Christmas letter! It's a dubious honor at best, but reserved for those we love.



A rare tranquil moment—  
 Lucy (2) and Hannah (5)

Hannah loves kindergarten, where her favorite activity is making books. She is quite the conversationalist, and, in addition to recounting every detail of everything that ever happens in kindergarten, will frequently launch into the finer points of “Words That Rhyme” or “Why Clifford, The Big Red Dog, is Funny” with anyone who’ll pretend to listen. She is becoming a pro at cleaning her own room. She loves being the big sister, and is trying to teach Lucy everything she knows.

Lucy has slowly adjusted to being separated from her big sister during school hours. She too has developed into something of a chatterbox in recent months. You’d think listening to a two-year-old mimic everything you say would get tedious. But she’s cute enough to pull it off. She’s following in her sister’s footsteps as literally as possible—one of her favorite things to do is clomp around the house in Hannah’s shoes. Another favorite game is one in which “lollipops” are fashioned out of Tinkertoys and either hoarded or fed to dolls. She also enjoys playing with whatever Hannah wants to play with at any given moment.

Both are exceptionally fond of the water and were mainstays at our neighborhood pool all summer. Hannah learned to jump from the diving board and swim to the side by herself. Lucy was legendary for breaking away from her mother and throwing herself into the deepest water possible. Happily, we all lived through the summer.

Crystal should give birth to our third child in April. Notwithstanding a perpetually sore back, she appears to be surviving. At church she is kept busy heading up a very ambitious Activities Committee. She also finds time to volunteer in Hannah’s classroom every Friday.

Tim is completing his second year with KPMG Consulting’s Capital Markets and Banking Group. It’s a living. Sort of. At church he enjoys a confluence of cushy assignments. These include choir director, primary and priesthood pianist, and part-time ward organist. His only stress is derived from the knowledge that nothing this good can last forever.

We send our love and wish you the best for this season of goodwill and in the year to come.

**TIMOTHY, CRYSTAL, HANNAH AND LUCY WILLIS**



The girls in the back yard—We still haven’t mastered the whole lawn thing yet.