

1988 Christmas Letter

Christmas Letter, 1988 from Art and Ronda King

**NEWS FLASH: KING FAMILY WEALTH AND HAPPINESS SURGE UPWARD
NEW SON JOINS FAMILY!**

We adopted Brenden into our family last June. Brenden is now 18 months old (same age as his sister Bethani). Brenden has been such a joy to have in the family. He learned to love us as fast as we learned to love him, and he can eat his body weight in spaghetti.

The week after Thanksgiving, Brenden underwent major surgery on his hip. He is currently suffering the indignity of a body cast. We are hoping and praying that when the cast comes off, Brenden's hip will heal and give him a brighter, more mobile future. Having two 18-month olds', with one in a body cast, is exacting a toll on Mom. I am happy to report that she is holding up remarkably well. However, many Christmas season activities are being canceled or scaled back this year. We hope Brenden will be out of his cast by early February.

Other family news: Bethani and Elissa are proud and happy to have a new Brother this year. It has meant a new play-mate and companion nearly every waking moment for Bethani. Our 'twins' get along much better than we expected. Elissa is 5, oh, excuse me, I meant to say 'Elissa is 5 and a half'. She is enjoying 'school' at home, and her weekly music lesson, and a multitude of good neighborhood playmates. She has changed her career aspirations. It used to be 'doctor', but now she wants to work behind the counter in a frozen yogurt shop. I told her I would visit her much more often at work in this career.

Ronda and I just celebrated our 9th wedding anniversary with exciting plans afoot for another 99 anniversaries. Ronda has made a large set of new friends since we moved last year. She is a member of local play-park and baby-sitting cooperatives. She is widening the gap between herself and the rest of the known universe (worlds' best Mom, wife, home economist, nurse, child development specialist, and chef).

I continue to enjoy my work designing support systems for Intel Corporation (translation: I play with computers all day).

We hope each of you feel as blessed and happy this Christmas season as we. The tragic Armenian earthquake serves as a reminder of how much terrible pain there is in the world. We truly have great opportunities to share our good fortune.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Love, Art, Ronda, Elissa, Brenden, & Bethani