

1989 Christmas Letter

Christmas Letter, 1989 from Art and Ronda King

Merry Christmas! Here are some newsworthy events from our year:

FEBURARY: Brenden gets out of his body cast after 2 1/2 long months. The next day he falls and breaks his leg, weak from the months in the cast. He ends up in traction for another month. By spring he is running like the wind.

MARCH: Vladimir and Lida Razumovsky and their 5 small children spend a week with us before moving on to a permanent home in Sacramento. They are Russians who had been persecuted for the Pentecostal religion and had a chance to come to America. What a blessing it is to get to know them.

MAY: Bethani and Brenden celebrate their 2-year birthdays together in May, and make a secret pact to maximize their summer mischief. Summer's end shows they succeeded, oh how they succeeded.

JUNE: Ronda and Art spend 10 days in Kauai, Hawaii in June. Three days are an Intel sales conference, the rest is strictly honeymooning. By the last day they are missing their children. The family travels to Utah where Ronda's brother Ken marries the lovely Lana Smith. A great wedding festival for all.

JULY: Ronda gets very sick with a pregnancy, spends two weeks in the hospital, and then loses the baby to a miscarriage. We weep.

AUGUST: Veniamin and Svetlana Golyshevsky and their 1 year old son Ruslan arrive. They are also Russian refugees, from Estonia. They spend six weeks with us before finding an apartment and employment in Portland.

SEPTEMBER: Art ships first beta units of a fun new computer product he has been working on all year.

OCTOBER: Six year old Elissa masters the cartwheel and round-off in gymnastics class. The last of her baby teeth are on the way out. Brenden's official adoption papers are signed. His forever family rejoices.

NOVEMBER: Bethani volunteers to anyone she meets: "My Daddy go to New Youu City" When Daddy returns home, Bethani repeatedly asks: "Daddy, you not go to New Youu City today?" Daddy promises no more trips to New York City.

DECEMBER: Christmas lights and tree going up at our house! Art and Ronda celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. This letter goes to press before the secret getaway.

WRAP-UP: We have had a wonderful year. The opportunity to share in the landing of new immigrants reminds us of the liberty and opportunity we have on these golden shores. We are filled with pride watching Elissa, Brenden, and Bethani grow. With much love and affection to you, MERRY CHRISTMAS