

1993 Christmas Letter

Merry Christmas from Art and Ronda King!

Newsworthy events from our year can be found here

- **January** After many months of planning and preliminaries, our contractor breaks ground on our new house. We take a family vacation to Montana to be with Grandma and Grandpa King and cousins. The skiing is great, and the kids love the overnight sleeper berth on Amtrak. We mourn the passing of Uncle Floyd Rittenhouse.

- **March** We awaken to an exciting 30 second earthquake, the first such event in Portland in modern times.

- **April** Cousin Sara Rose is born in Singapore. The sheet rock is nearly complete on the new house.

- **May** Seven-month old Hannah starts crawling, accompanied by much cheering from her siblings. With spring flowers planted, we put our house up for sale and soon find a buyer. Bethani & Brenden celebrate their 6th birthdays.

- **June** To celebrate Brendens fifth "adoption birthday" we take the whole family to a Korean restaurant. Brenden likes the food, Bethani expressed the rest of our feelings, trying to be polite she observed: "I think the best part was the rice."

- **July** Ronda completes an intense six months of construction decision-making. She did a fine job. The new house is complete and we make the three-mile move "into the country". All is boxes and confusion.

- **August** We leave the unpacked chaos behind and spend a week at a Family Camp in Northern Idaho. Its a family reunion for Ronda's parents, siblings, and offspring, 20 people in all. We return home to can applesauce and apricots for winter enjoyment.

On the second pass through a stack of nature flash-cards, Bethani is trying to name the birds on each card. She comes to the Road-Runner and says: "I know! I know! ... Street-Walker".

- **September** We pray as my Mom undergoes by-pass heart surgery. I fly to Billings to be with her. She recovers well, and comes to visit us in November. Home School starts at our house for Elissa (4th grade) and the twins in Kindergarten. Elissa makes good progress on Piano and Guitar.

- **October** Cousin Kalyse Rose is born in Utah. Hannah starts walking. FaxBack, Inc. throws an open house party to show off our new offices.

- **November** We are thrilled to learn that a new baby is on the way! Ronda struggles with her difficult early-pregnancy sickness. Her courage is good though there are many long difficult days of feeling miserable. She goes on IV home therapy. Always our little singer, Sierra asks: "Pees ask Beti and Beenen to stop talking, I can't hear myself sing."

- **December** The tree goes up and the children shower it with decorations. We celebrate Ronda getting well and look forward to Christmas delights.

- **WRAP-UP** We give thanks for the blessings of another year. Our children thrive and we look forward to the joy of our coming New Baby. We sincerely wish the very best of Christmas joy to our friends near and far.

With affection and warm thoughts to you

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Art, Ronda, Elissa, Brenden, Bethani, Sierra, and Hannah

*Favorite 5 read-aloud books of 1993: Summer of the Monkey by Wilson Rawls Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne R Banks Daddy Longlegs by Jean Webster Blue Ridge Billy by Lois Lenski*