



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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As we look back on the year you could say this verse explains it well. *If you will humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, in his good time he will lift you up. (1 Peter 5:6)*

During the months of March and April was a difficult time for Kim and I. We both lost our teaching jobs and got in two car accidents within a two week span. Kim was working at a private school called Consolidated Catholic School in Faribault. I was working at Eagle Ridge Junior High School in Savage.

At the same time we were blessed in finding a church. We are attending a non-denominational church in Bloomington, Minnesota. Kim is currently involved with the music program and works with the AWANA group on Wednesday nights. She teaches girls grade levels 3 and 4. We are both involved with a bible study that meets every other Saturday with young couples. We met some really neat people there.

I found a new teaching job the Thursday before classes started in Norwood Young America. I am teaching computers to elementary, middle school and high school in one day. I am the technology support person for the elementary building and a district web site manager. I am looking forward to spring where I will be coaching track. The school board just granted me \$10,000 to spend on updated equipment and track uniforms. Our school levy recently failed on November 5 so my future is uncertain again as the district is looking at a \$400,000 budget cut.

Kim found a new job at Chrestomathy which is a place for aggressive disabled adults. Kim likes working with the clients and is slowly getting into her job. She is in the process of writing a proposal for a music curriculum. She is going to use music therapy with the clients in the near future.

My family is doing well. My mom, Char, is now retired and collecting disability because of her MS. Terry has less than one year left to go. Thom and Heather are still living up at the cabin looking for land and working at a nature center. Megan is going back to school to become a beautician.

Kim's parents are still working in the Pierre area. Ken is still making the trip to Gettysburg where he works as a county extension agent. Diane is still working at the local hospital in the laundry area. There was a scare this past fall when both Ken and Diane got into a car accident. God was surely watching over them that night as they are both healing fine. Kim's brother, Dan, got married on June 1<sup>st</sup> to a wonderful lady named Amy. Kim now has two sisters and more new family on the way. Her sister and sister-in-law are both expecting new ones (their first) early this spring making us Aunt Kim and Uncle Bob. It will be exciting to have a couple new babies in the family.

Now as we look to the New Year we are happy to know that only our heavenly Father knows what lies ahead. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,

Bob and Kim Bergstrom

