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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL FROM THE CALLAGHAN'S

Who would have thought that we would be writing to you from windy Wellington? At the beginning of the year we were still at Snell's Beach wondering what was going to happen to us. Now here we are!

Ross's voice problem meant that he could not continue teaching and he was on sick leave for the first term. He continued writing resources for horticulture teachers but it became obvious that there was no suitable work in Warloworth. We began looking at glasshouse properties with a view to being commercial growers, but it didn't work out that way.

A job came up at the Correspondence school in Wellington teaching by writing letters (great when your voice is weak) so we applied and got it. We moved to Wellington in May and have bought a house in Tawa. We have settled in to city life and to a new community really well. The weather here has been the best in recorded history and we have been surprised how pleasant living in Wellington can be. Our house is sheltered from the winds and we seem to get lots of sun here too.

We have all adjusted well to our new life. The children go to Redwood School and we are very pleased with how they are getting on there. Ross's job is challenging with lots of responsibilities but with nothing like the stress of normal teaching and all the benefits! Kathy is getting on well with lots of the ladies around about and is enjoying the benefits of city living.

After looking around for quite a while we are going to the Forinus AOC and are really enjoying the ministry and freedom of worship there. The church is very poor and contains many needy people. All sorts of new possibilities for ministry are beginning to open up for us so the future is quite exciting. The church has a very full social life and we country cousins sometimes find it hard to hack the pace!

ROSS: is now Senior Teacher in Science at school. He is playing the piano in the Church and has been doing some preaching again. He has done a lot of work around the home: painting, papering, landscaping, and setting up a glasshouse and vege garden.

KATHY: is involved in two ladies groups, an exercise group and is still selling Trichem. We have had many friends staying with us during the year (you are all very welcome!) so she has spent a lot of time being a hostess, and providing meals.

DEBBIE (8) has done very well at school and has many friends. She is involved in Girls Brigade, athletics, gym, swimming and Junior Church. Life for her is very full which suits her active nature.

SARAH (5) took a while to settle into the new school but now has friends and is doing well in her reading and writing. She is a sweet girl and is involved in athletics, gym, swimming and Junior Church.

HILIP (3) has just turned 3. He has a lovely nature and adapts easily to new situations. He is speaking well and enjoys playing with his trucks and travelling on trains!

Though we may be far away we do continually remember all our friends. We trust that 1984 has been a great year for you and that you have known God's blessing and guidance, just as we have. We hope that you will have a fruitful year next year and that the peace of God which passes all understanding will remain with you. We would love to see you if you are considering coming to Wellington.

Seasons greetings from the Callaghan's.