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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL FROM THE CALLAGHANS.

At this time of the year when 'goodwill towards all men' is especially on our hearts we bring this greeting with love from our family to yours. We trust that this has been a very good year for you and that you will enjoy a refreshing and blessed Christmas as you remember the birth of the Lord Jesus.

1985 has been an excellent year for us. We have continued to settle in well to life in Wellington; we haven't had any major problems; and we've been involved in some rewarding and useful activities.

Don't believe what you've been told about Wellington's weather. It's been lovely here most of the time, and its meant we've been able to get outside and get many things done. We've painted our house and relandscaped around it. Inside is nearly finished, too, with quite a bit of painting and papering done. Our veg garden is most productive and the orchids have flourished giving us a lovely display right through the year.

On the Christian side we've been pretty active too. Ross is now an elder of the Church and has been preaching regularly. He shared weekly with the Christian Fellowship at his school during the middle term, and recently led a leadership training programme called 'Shepherd's Pie'. At present he's preparing a 10 week series for Radio Rhema, which is a new experience. Kathy has been involved in the ladies groups and has recently become leader of one of them. She's found this challenging and extending, as its the first time she's done it. All of our Christian activities have been fruitful and blessed this year, for which we give God all the glory.

PHILIP is now 4.
He's had a happy year and now goes to kindy in the afternoons. He's developed a great love for lions (watch out when you're near him!) and he was so thrilled when he was given one for his birthday.

SARAH is now 6.
She's had a good year at school and is making steady progress there. She's started Girls Brigade and really enjoys it. As well she's involved in gym, athletics and in Junior Church. Our 'Fearly Shell' has a very happy life.



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Sarah



DEBBIE is 9.

She's had a most successful year in every way. Her progress at school has been excellent and she has done extremely well at athletics - both in sprints and in cross country races. She's started playing the piano and is involved in Girls Brigade, gym and Junior Church. Her life is lived at a pretty fast pace!



A highlight for the girls this year was to be involved in a Girls Brigade production of 'Kids Praise'. It really was a beautiful musical and was a blessing to all concerned.

KATHY is now the Wellington manager for Trichem. It doesn't take up too much of her time, which is good - it means she can continue looking after the rest of us so well. She now enjoys playing with her new microwave which arrived recently as part of a specially significant birthday.

ROSS'S voice is still much the same. It's strong enough so he gets by in most situations, but he can't sing. He plays the piano instead. He's been writing a new science course at school and has found it a creative and interesting experience.

We now have a 'Family Night' each Friday night. It's very varied but we do some interesting family activity; play games and have a story. Its become one of the highlights of every week.

Again this year we've had many people staying with us. One night we had 14 sleeping here and 18 for dinner! If you are heading towards Wellington we'd love to have you stay with us. We've proved we've got plenty of room!

We do hope that 1985 has been a good year for you too, and that you have known God's blessing, just as we have.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great year in 1986.

Love and best wishes from the Callaghans.