

Greetings to you all from the Callaghans.

It is good to stop and reflect on all the things that happen in the course of a year. For us this year has been a very full one with many, many blessings. As we look back we have much to thank God for: 1986 has been a good year! It means that we look forward to the new year with confidence and expectation.

This Christmas we pray that you will have another lovely celebration of the birth of the One who came to make life so meaningful. As you look back on 1986 may your memories be happy ones, and as you look forward to 1987 may you find it to be filled with love and joy and peace.

Well, what has happened this year for the Callaghans? We'll start with the youngest:

PHILIP has just turned 5 so he is now at school. Through the year he went to Kindy, but he thinks school is better! He still loves lions; he goes to athletics and Sunday School, and it's a pleasure to have him around. He has such a sweet, helpful nature and is growing in confidence all the time.

SARAH is 7 and is in Standard 1. She has had a good year at school and has made a lot of progress. She has lots of friends and has a very full life with all her regular activities. She is in Sunday School, dancing, gym, athletics, Girls Brigade and has also been learning the recorder. Our "Pearl" continues to give us a lot of joy.

DEBBIE is now 10 and finishes primary school this year. Next year she'll be in Form 1 at Queen Margaret College, so she's pretty excited about that. She's getting tall now and soon she'll be looking down on Mum! She does all the same things that Sarah does except that she is learning to play the piano. She has just passed her Grade 1 exam. She continues to be good at lots of things (including helping around the house)

KATHY has had a busy year. She has been leading one of the ladies groups in the Church and spends a lot of her time helping others with problems. She has studied Accounting through the Correspondence School and recently sat School Certificate. (She reckoned it was easy). She has continued to do well with her Trichos and now has 10 agents working for her. In her spare time she looks after the rest of us wonderfully well! Recently her nephew Simon died which was a great sadness to us all. He was 10 and had suffered for a long time.

ROSS has had a very good year in his work and has now completed the writing of a new 3rd form Science course. It has been a very busy year in the Church as our Pastor has been sick and Ross has had to take over at odd times. He has run training seminars on Children's work, counselling, and music ministry. As well he has been called on to help quite a few people going through crises. All of this has been demanding but it has been good to see obvious blessings in peoples lives. In his spare time he's been working in the garden and looking after the orchids. The section is starting to look very nice now!

So you can see that life is varied and full for us here in Tawa.

We hope that we will be able to see you sometime soon. Till then we pray that God will be with you and that day by day you will know the richness of life that only He can give.

With love from our family to yours.