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Dear

This newsletter comes to you with the greetings and love from the Callaghan family. We trust that 1987 has been a good year for you all and that next year will be even better.

For us 1987 has been a year of challenge and change.

The CHALLENGE has come in many ways.

- * Early in the year the Pastor of our church resigned leaving Ross to carry on until a new one was appointed. Kathy was responsible for the ladies group and enjoyed the challenge.
- * Ross has conducted training seminars in various churches and has recorded them on video so they can be distributed more widely. His voice is much improved.
- * We went to a marriage Enrichment Seminar which was a wonderful experience. It has challenged us to make our lovely marriage even better!
- * Kathy's father died suddenly in October and we all travelled to Hamilton for the funeral. She is gradually coming to terms with it but is missing him a lot.
- * Ross spent 10 days at a UNESCO conference in Hamilton, along with Science educators from Asia and the Pacific.

The big CHANGE came in August when we sold our house in Tawa and moved to Lower Hutt. We are thrilled with the move because our new place is so lovely. We have one third of an acre in Woburn which is very close to the centre of Lower Hutt. It's private, sheltered and sunny and has the potential to be a really beautiful environment. The move has also meant a change of church and ministry and a moving away from many friends, but we've adjusted well. There's still lots to do in our new place and we're enjoying doing it!

DEBBIE (11) is in Form 1 at Queen Margaret College. It is an excellent school and she has done extremely well. She's now as tall as Kathy and is still growing! She enjoys playing the piano, reading, athletics and Girls Brigade.

SARAH (8) is in Standard 2 at Eastern Hutt School. She gets on well with everyone and has settled in quickly at her new school. Her schoolwork has been most pleasing and she's done well at athletics. She enjoys riding her bike, Girls Brigade and playing with friends.

PHILIP (6) also settled in well at the new school. He is reading very well and enjoys maths and music. This year he lost 2 of his front teeth! He's still a pleasant, happy boy! It's always nice to have him around. So that is what 1987 has been for us. We are looking forward to Christmas and celebrating again the birth of the One who has been so good to us. We trust this Christmas will be a lovely time for you all and that the New Year will be one of love, joy and peace.

Love from the Callaghans.