

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE CALLAGHAN FAMILY

May this special time of year be a time of peace, refreshment and hope as you celebrate again the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

For our family 1988 has been a busy year with a few lows, but with many highs. The year has been dominated by the extensions we've had put on our house. The children now have a room of their own; we've got a study, a proper laundry and bathroom, and there's always somewhere to sit in the Lower Hutt sunshine. (There's also plenty of room for visitors -we'd love you come and stay!)

Healthwise, Ross was very ill in February with an undiagnosed bug, plus pneumonia. Now he has a broken leg (playing cricket with the family!). The children all had chicken pox (at the same time), but other than that we've been fine.

DEBBIE 13 has been in Form 3. This year she developed a whole new dimension to her life: a social life. She's in a terrific youth group at Church, went to quite a few camps and with the normal piano, hockey, athletics and Girls Brigade, life is pretty full. Highlight for the year was taking a leading role in the school production "The Boyfriend".

SARAH 10 will be in Form 1 at Queen Margaret College next year. She's had an excellent year with lots of friends and plenty of activities: athletics, netball, Sunday School and Girls Brigade. She began learning the piano this year and got honours in Grade 1 theory. Highlight for Sarah was a major Girls Brigade production in the Town Hall. The night before one of the leading "actresses" pulled out so Sarah replaced her: giving a brilliant performance.

PHILIP 8 has been in Standard 1 at Eastern Hutt School. He has a small group of friends and enjoys rugby, soccer and all ball games. He also goes to athletics and has developed a talent for cross country running. He was part of a team which won the inter-school championships.

KATHY has continued with her Trichem, and is working 2 days a week as our Doctor's receptionist. She spends a lot of time transporting the children to their various activities and has been involved with Girls Brigade and Craft Group. She's also done a lot of painting for our extensions and has enjoyed getting out into the garden. There's still plenty to do though!

ROSS is still at the Correspondence School where he writes teaching materials, edits other people's writing, and makes videos. He has been very busy in ministry this year, preaching and teaching in quite a few Churches and developing three new seminars: on "Communication", "Manhood", and "Kingdom Living". Most of his 'spare' time has been spent painting, wallpapering and landscaping.

This annual epistle comes to you with our best wishes for 1989. Our prayers are "that all may go well with you" and that you would know God's richest blessing in everything you do.

Love from Ross, Kathy, Debbie, Sarah and Philip.