

Christmas greetings from the Callaghan's

Hi everyone. It's time for our annual Christmas newsletter. We hope that you've had a great year in 1993 and that 1994 will be even better. It is good to know that, come what may, we can trust God in all the varied circumstances of life.

As a family we've had lots of variety during the year. Overall it has been most enjoyable and successful. Highlights have been:

- Leading a CYC family camp at Ngaruawahia
- Fully redecorating our rumpus room (plenty of room for you!)
- Every one staying pretty healthy
- Ross and Kathy taking up jogging and feeling much better for it
- Buying a Mitsubishi station wagon (high km but excellent condition)
- Having lots of people to stay
- Further development of our garden
- Many ministry activities for us all

Now for a few notes from each one in our family:

Philip (12) has had a good year at Hutt Intermediate in Form 1, even though half of his school burnt down! He has had a very successful season playing cricket for the Hutt Club and was chosen to have a week of special coaching at golf. Philip enjoys playing with audio equipment and computer games. He goes to Boys Brigade and is a member of the church Junior Youth Group.

Sarah (14) has had a most successful year. She is in Form 4 at Chilton St James School, sings in their famous Barbershop Quartet and in their high quality School Choir. Sarah did very well in her exams, especially in science, was captain of the second XI hockey team, and was their highest goal scorer for the second year running. She went to lots of camps, was a Sunday School teacher, had many responsibilities at Girls Brigade and was part of our church evening worship team. Sarah has a very full social life and spends a lot of time on the phone!

Debbie (17) has completed her 7th Form year at Queen Margaret College. We were very proud when she was appointed Head Prefect of Sports. This meant lots of extra responsibilities and opportunities (eg. making a speech thanking April Erimeia and meeting Howie Tamati). Debbie attended the Fletcher Challenge NZ Science Summer School, was in the school choir, the senior A volleyball team, the first XI hockey team and is awaiting the results of her Bursary exams. She now has her full drivers licence and has a Saturday job at "Dress For Less". Next year Debbie will be studying medical intermediate at Victoria University. The major distraction of the year has come in the form of a handsome 19 year old called Fraser.

Kathy (?) continues to keep our family in style; looks after all of our visitors and endeavours to keep up with Ross while jogging! She enjoys her work at Soma Medical Centre and has managed to master yet another computer system. She has been responsible for running Soma's home group, which is a central part of its work. The Practice is very much a team effort. Highlights for Kathy were having several weekends away catching up on some old friendships, and also supporting Ross on some of his many camps. A milestone was finding ONE grey hair!!

Ross has had a busy year in his work and in his ministry. He spoke at six family camps, ran lots of training programmes, spoke at two conferences and travelled away from home six times. A highlight for him was designing and delivering a training programme for the NZ Army, helping them to convert their training over to distance education. Ross has been studying towards a Diploma in Theology (nearly finished) and a Diploma in Tertiary Teaching (half way through). During the year he received a Certificate of Training and Development.

Well that's all of our news for 1993. We're looking forward to our holiday and to leading another family camp at CYC. (That's where Ross and Kathy first met.)

As you turn your heart towards Christmas may you know lots of peace and goodwill. They come from Jesus, the reason for the season.