

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL FROM THE CALLAGHAN'S

This newsletter comes to you with our love and best wishes. We trust that 1988 has been a good year for you and that next year will be even better. We have certainly been busy over the last 12 months, and we can look back with much thankfulness to the Lord. He has blessed us all in just so many ways.

We are now very well established in Lower Hutt. We love it here: everything is handy, the climate's great!, our section is starting to look lovely and our fruit trees are starting to bear fruit. We finally sold our place at Snell's Beach, and at the moment we are getting plans drawn up so we can extend the house here. It was definitely right for us to move from Tawa to Lower Hutt. We are now part of Lower Hutt Baptist Church, and we are finding it most encouraging. There's already been lots to do!

PHILIP (7) is doing very well at school and he's a constant joy to us all. He has such a soft, sweet, loving nature. He's just getting his two front teeth and can now ride his 2-wheeler bike. He goes to athletics and enjoys playing with his radio-controlled car and his electric train.

SARAH (9) is in Standard 3 and is also doing well at school. (Her teacher is of the 'old school'). She has a full life with lots of friends and seems to be always happy. This year she has done very well at athletics, especially sprinting. She's in a Church dance group, and has enjoyed her Girls Brigade. (She recently won a 'most helpful' award.)

DEBBIE (12) is in Form 2 at Queen Margaret College. Highlights of her year have been: going to lots of camps; passing Grade 2 piano; being school athletics champion; being captain of the hockey team; doing ceramics at Girls Brigade, and appearing in a Church musical. The other thing she's done this year has been to grow. She now towers over Kathy!

KATHY continues to lead a very full life. Her Trichem is going well and she's been in a craft group, managing her agents and running training classes. She worked in the tuck shop at Debbie's school for 3 months (and earned enough for a new lounge suite!). She has just started working two days a week as receptionist for the local Doctor, and she's loving it.

ROSS has also been very busy. In the Church he has run quite a few teaching/training seminars and has continued to put them onto video so they can be more widely distributed. At work he has been writing courses, editing and making a video series. You may also have heard him on the radio talking about his orchids.

Highlight for the year was being selected as New Zealand's Unesco delegate for a conference in Penang, Malaysia. He loved Singapore on the way there and back, but wasn't too keen on Malaysia: too noisy, dirty and hot. The present-buying was great, though!

In his spare time he's been landscaping the section, going on jury duty and playing tennis.

Well, that's what 1988 has been like for the Callaghan's. We are now looking forward to the Christmas holidays and a chance to recharge the batteries. May this Christmas be an especially blessed one for you.

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