

Christmas greetings and love from the Callaghan family

This time last year we wished you a "happy and prosperous new year". We trust that 1991 was exactly that for you and your family.

Even though circumstances around us may be somewhat turbulent it's good to know that God is in control and that He "works all things for good to those who love Him and who are called according to His purposes".

As a family we have had some difficult times this year. Ross's father died after a long illness and lots of frustration. Kathy fell over when we were on holiday last year and has been suffering from the effects of a head injury ever since: nasty headaches, pain and tiredness. After much prayer and excellent medical help she is at last well on the way to recovery. We have been grateful for the way that God and friends have helped in the healing process.

Ross He had a most successful year in his work and now heads up the Open Polytechnic's Staff Training and Development Centre. Highlights for the year were trips to Melbourne and Auckland for Conferences. He continues to do a lot of preaching, teaching and training in our local Baptist Church and beyond. He's a marriage celebrant and had the pleasure of marrying two couples. His interest in video-making, growing orchids and developing the garden have continued.

Kathy The year has been dominated by her head injury. She had 5 months off work initially, but is now back to 10 hours per week. She really enjoys her reception work at Soma Medical Centre and hopes to be completely off ACC early in 1992. Highlight for the year was a brief trip to Melbourne with Ross and being able to see "Phantom of the Opera". She still does a little Tri-chem, but had to give up being the Wellington manager and her involvement in craft groups.

Debbie (15) She has had a very good year at school and is pretty confident about her School Certificate results! She gained two prizes: one for academic achievement and the other for service to hockey. Debbie's time is mainly spent on schoolwork, youth group activities, Girls Brigade and Hamish (a very nice young man from Tawa). She was baptised in October (by her Mum and Dad).

Sarah (12) Sarah's main occupation this year has been growing! She's much taller than Kathy and rapidly gaining on Debbie. She has now finished at Queen Margaret College and next year will be in Form 3 at Chilton St James, a similar school in Lower Hutt. Sarah played hockey for the first time this year and is pretty good: her team won the competition. She continues with Girls Brigade, but has given up the piano. A highlight for her was winning a national colouring contest and getting a huge box of cosmetics.

Philip (10) Philip has a new interest: cricket. He plays for the Hutt club and in his first match got 3 wickets and top scored. He's developing into a very good bowler. He's also taken up fishing and enjoys it, even though he has had meagre success! The other day he caught 5 whitebait in the stream at the back of our section. Hopefully there are lots more to come! Philip has had a happy year at school and is doing well. He started Boys Brigade this year and enjoys it very much.

Well, that's all the news from the Callaghan family. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and that in 1992 you know God's richest blessings. We do hope we can see you sometime soon.