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Christmas is nearly upon us once again. It seems that everywhere you look you see the familiar form of the plump and jolly elf. Even at 37 Garden Ave, this image is present. Not on the front lawn, mind you. The plump and jolly elf in our house is Nancy who is currently working on putting us over the national average of 2.5 children! If all goes according to plan, February 9th will see one more addition to the clan.

January started off with a bang for us as we saw to completion the new kitchen/den addition we told you about last year. The memories of sawdust and chaos have quickly faded and we now look back and wonder how we managed without the extra space. All that is left now is to pay for it!

Speaking of money, last year at this time, Nancy was anticipating the dissolution of Prenatal and Parenthood Education Services and her job, and expecting to be rehired with the Scarborough Public Health Department doing similar work. Well, that did transpire. However, in August the City of Scarborough decided, for budget reasons, to eliminate the late pregnancy classes. This left Nancy in another state of transition. However, very shortly after, the void in prenatal education was filled by a non-profit organization called "Parent and Baby Services" with whom she now works. The class she is currently teaching is amused by the fact that their teacher may end up being their maternity ward roommate in February!

And work for Murray continues on as well. Murray is still involved in computers and networks at Imperial Oil where so far, he has been untouched by layoffs and resignations. He received funding for a large network project that should keep him busy and out of trouble (?) for the next few months.

*Jordan (now 5½ years old) is thoroughly enjoying his education. He is in Senior Kindergarten at C.D. Farquharson Junior Public School and is anxiously awaiting a class study unit on Psittacosaurus, Styracosaurus, Dimetrodon, and Archæopteryx. (Those are dinosaurs, for those who don't know – Jordie does!) We are convinced that Jordan is going to **teach** the class on this, as he*



has been fascinated with dinosaurs almost since birth.

Timothy is now a "terrible two" (actually 2¾ yrs.). He is very active and adores his brother. He tries to keep up with everything Jordan does and can always be heard exclaiming "I want to do it myself". Maybe he will grow up to be a doctor as he is now enjoying feeling Mommy's tummy and using her stethoscope to listen to the baby's "heart beep".



In other family news, Murray's brother and sister-in-law (Randy and Kate) welcomed Jacob Benjamin into their home on September 14th this year. Jordan and Timothy were thrilled to welcome their first "boy-cousin".

Nancy's brother, Steve, is working for Compassion Canada in the area of World Development and has been to visit Mexico, and will be going to Africa in the new year. On this next trip, his wife Julie will be going with him to share in the ministry there.

Brenda and David's daughter, Shawna, is in Grade 1 in Kingsville, and has a new kitten – Belle, an adorable calico Persian. Our cat, Spooky, is anticipating meeting her new "cousin" with great delight, as you can imagine.

Grant and Jane, in Atlanta Georgia, are busy expanding their family business — "The Nutman" — and have moved into new, spacious facilities over this past year. There is now much more room to store, pack and ship all those delicious nuts and chocolates.

As you prepare your homes for this Christmas season, we pray that your hearts will also be prepared to receive and worship Him.



Every child on earth is holy,
Every crib is a manger lowly,
Every home is a stable dim,
Every kind word is a hymn,
Every star is God's own gem,
And every town is Bethlehem,
For Christ is born, and born again,
When His love lives in hearts of men.

The Love That Lives - W.D. Dorrity

May His blessings be yours in the coming year.

With Love at Christmas,

*Murray and Nancy,
Jordan and Timothy and ?*