



# CHRISTMAS 2000 GREETINGS FROM THE SCARBOROUGH LAHNS

As friends of ours remarked the other day, "Wow! Has the year 2000 ever gone quick!" It seems like yesterday that the world was in a panic over the oncoming Y2K Bugs. This year we're just in a panic to get our normal Christmas activities done! Things have certainly been hectic around here with the municipal and federal elections (in which we did some campaigning for our local Alliance candidate), and the confusion of the US election, all within the month of November. On top of this we were heavily involved in the music at our church's 20th Anniversary Banquet, as well as a busy schedule at home and at work. Murray's been extremely busy with his computer consulting, and Nancy sold her 10,000th nursing pillow during this past year.



It's been a year of excitement and change for some of our in-laws and out-laws. In May, Murray's brother, Randy, married Kim Knowles. It was a wonderful celebration and the kids had a great time attending their very first wedding. Jordan and Tim managed to take about 100 pictures, using up the disposable cameras at the reception. On Nancy's side of things, in June Brenda and her family moved from Kingsville to Woodstock where David has become the new pastor of College Avenue United Church. We were also thrilled to learn that the stork should be landing at Steve and Dorothy's sometime in June. Grandma and Grandpa Clarke are therefore gearing up for another round of grand-parenting joys! While we're sorry about not having seen Grant and Jane or 20-year-old(!!) Kristen this past year, we are looking forward to seeing them in Atlanta in February when our family blows through on the way back from 2 weeks in Florida.

We hope this greeting finds you in good health and enjoying the closeness of family and friends. One of the things we enjoy most about this festive season is hearing from each of you and sharing in the joys and challenges you have faced.

The kids volunteered to write their own news this year, so what follows is only *slightly* revised by the editors.

## The Church

This year has been another busy one at the church with Murray and Nancy leading Praise, and Tim even getting to play drums occasionally! Our church joined thousands of churches worldwide this past year in hosting the Alpha Course. We found this an exciting opportunity to explore and deepen our faith through videos, discussion and fellowship. We also continued to lead the Grade 3's & 4's at our midweek "Club House".



## Jordan

Hey there gang! It's 13 year old Jordan here, ready to give you a recap of the big 2000 (or the first Lahn Christmas letter of the new Millennium).



To start off the year, we had a big party, with chips, salsa, shrimp, and c a k e . Mmmmm! I hope we have

another this year!!!

But seriously folks, school this year was pretty good. I'm in Grade 8 now, and go to John Buchan Sr. P.S. It's lots of fun.

During March Break our family went to Niagara Falls. Marineland

was closed, but we had fun anyways. It was really cold though.

I really had a "Capital Year" – first a trip to Ottawa with the school and then in September, Dad and I went on a 4 day mini-trip to Washington DC to celebrate my 13th birthday. We even got to see Bill Clinton drive by – twice!

This year I had the joy of getting braces, so my mouth is now filled with sparkly silver things.

Well, I'm obsessed with Star Wars and can tell you the weapons complement of an AT-PT, but I've expanded my interests to *Animorphs*, *Left Behind*, and more *Star Wars*. (By the way, an AT-PT has a chin mounted double blaster and a concussion grenade launcher.)

Well, it's been a great year, so I hope the next is just as much fun.





## Daniel



This is Daniel. I am seven. This year I started piano lessons. I can play "Thanksgiving Hymn", "My Airplane", "The Frog", and "Old MacDonald".

Here is a joke. Why did the frog cross the road.... The chicken was retired. Ha! Ha! Ha!

Also I started Grade 2. My favourite subjects are art and creative writing. I started a club with my friends on the street called the "DNA Squad".

See you later!

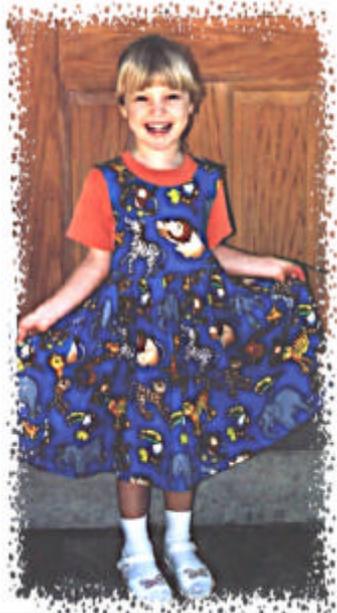
PS. We have two pets – Spooky, our 17-year-old cat, and Woodchip, our year-old rabbit. Unfortunately our 2-year-old hamster, Adventure, died just this week and we're all very sad.



## Bethany

Hi! I'm Bethany, and I'm 4. I started Junior Kindergarten this fall. School is great! I'm learning how to read. I also took dancing and swimming lessons this year. We went on field trips to the fruit market and the Children's Museum. My favourite place to go is when our family goes to our cottage because you get to swim there. I even got to fish with a real pole and a real worm. We always put the fish back in the lake though so they'll grow even bigger next year.

I had a lot of fun this year being a flower-girl at Aunt Kim and Uncle Randy's wedding. Grandma Lahn made me a beautiful dress and I got to carry flowers and wear them in my hair!!



In the haste and hurry of the Christmas season, we pray that you will take some quiet moments to reflect upon the Gift that was given to this world—and to each one of us—2000 years ago....

*Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.*

Murray + Kay Jordan Daniel Bethany

## Timothy



Hello! It's Tim! This year was a blast! I'm 10, in Grade 5 now.

At the cottage I went swimming, fishing, boating and hiking. In the school band I play four instruments – the bass drum, the snare drum, the bells and the trumpet. At home I play the piano. Some people want me to play them all at the same time!

During the summer I played baseball. My team came in 3rd (Dad was the coach). Last Spring I was on the school Basketball and Baseball teams. In our Basketball season we came in second. In baseball we came last. This year I played volleyball for the school. We didn't make the playoffs, but we'll do better next year!

Well, those were the highlights of my year! See ya!

