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To All Our Friends

Well, it's hard to believe that 1990 is quickly drawing to a close. The year started with 3 Lahns in our household and a quarter of the way through the year (April 2nd to be exact) we welcomed *Timothy Stephen Lahn* into the family. God has richly blessed us with 2 beautiful sons.

We've always balked at writing a Christmas letter, but now with 2 kids in the house there seems to be even less time to write or talk to each of you individually during the year. There also seems to be more news now that we really want to share with each of you in some way. So here goes.....

In January, we headed to Jamaica for a week of R&R before Tim arrived. The weather was wonderful and it gave us a good chance to read, relax and soak up the sun. Jordan stayed in London with Grandmas and Grandpas Clarke and Lahn. He got spoiled to death as you can imagine.

As mentioned, on April 2nd, at 4:39am (one week early), Timothy arrived into the world. Jordan was excited and he and Dad had to immediately rush out and buy a little stuffed bunny rabbit for Jordan to give to Tim. Sibling rivalry has never been a problem (so far) and they just adore each other. Tim watches everything Jordan does and tries to mimic it as best he can, and Jordan watches out for his little brother all the time. We're glad that he does, particularly now that Timothy has mastered the art of crawling!

During the summer the whole family spent a week at the cottage in Haliburton, and then Nancy and the kids stayed on for another 2 weeks while Murray refinished the hardwood floor in the dining room at home. In August, Nancy's brother Grant and his 10-year-old daughter Kristen arrived from British Columbia for a good visit at the cottage, in London, and in Kingsville (where Nancy's sister, Brenda, and her husband, Rev. David, have been called). It had been a long time since we had seen them, and it was good to have a nice long visit with them before they returned to B.C.

For Jordan's 3rd birthday (August 26th) the whole family headed to Niagara Falls for 2 days where Jordan was completely enthralled by Marineland, with its whale, seal, and dolphin shows. He even went on, and *loved* the rides there and at Maple Leaf Village. Mom went with him on some but he went on most by himself while Dad ran the video camera. Jordan has relived that trip at least a hundred times on video since then. We even tried staying in a motel for the first time with the kids.

Health wise, we are all doing very well. Murray has had a few problems with his neck recently, but things seem to be back to normal now thanks to some adjustments by the chiropractor. We hope all is well in your household too.

Murray's work as a computer systems analyst with Esso Petroleum has been particularly challenging this year since the company's merger with Texaco. He's starting to feel that his title should really be "referee" instead of "supervisor" as he struggles to keep things running smoothly. Nancy is continuing to enjoy her work as a full-time Mom and as a part-time prenatal teacher (one evening per week). Our whole family has been enriched by our fellowship in Good Shepherd Community Church, and Murray and Nancy are continuing to work together in music ministry and in the leadership of adult Bible study.

In closing, we pray that God will richly bless you as you prepare your hearts and homes for Christmas. In these days where the newspapers seem to have very little good news to proclaim, let us receive with joy the greatest news of all:

*We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.*

With Love,

Murray, Nancy, Jordan and Timothy