

Christmas 1998 Greetings From Murray, Nancy, Jordan, Tim, Daniel & Bethany Lahn

Once more it's Christmas time. The time of year when gifts are put in boxes and wrapped up and placed under the tree. But wait! What's this? The Lahns are packing *everything* and putting it in boxes, and not placing those boxes under the tree, but placing them into a moving van! We're moving!

But *why* you ask? Well, it started in the summertime, when we started to look at possible expansion plans for our old house. By the time we looked at the cost of renovating we decided that maybe we should look at what a comparable house would look like. After looking at a number of houses that we really didn't like we visited a house that we fell in love with. It seemed to fit the bill as closely as we felt we'd ever get – 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, two fireplaces, beautifully finished basement, and a two-car garage in a splendid neighbourhood. The schools and park are all within easy walking distance, and the neighbours seem wonderful and friendly so far.

After much soul-searching we decided to place an offer, and before you knew it, we owned the house. Now we had to sell ours. That was much more painful, and traumatic, but in the end, God provided, just as he always has.

So, by the time you get this letter, we will be unpacking all those boxes and trying to settle into our new home at 37 Groomsport Cres., Scarborough, Ontario M1T 2K8. It will make Christmas preparations just that little bit more chaotic this year, but we trust that God has brought us to this house for a good reason, and we await, with anticipation, to see what he has in store.

We hope that this Christmas letter finds you happy and healthy and preparing for the celebration of our Lord's birth with a renewed joy.



Our New Home - 37 Groomsport Cres., Scarborough, Ontario M1T 2K8



At the Lake - Summer 1998

Summer at Lake Kashagawigamog

The summer started with two glorious weeks at the cottage. This year the kids all had great fun diving off the end of the dock and swimming endlessly. Fishing was again the order of the day (and night) with even Bethany getting into the act. "World records" were set nightly.

The weather was absolutely gorgeous and our holidays came to a climactic end when we

celebrated Nancy's Mum and Dad's 50th Wedding Anniversary at Birchpoint Lodge — a beautiful setting on the lake. It was a wonderful day, with skits, songs, videos, speeches and lots of laughs. The whole family was there, with the unfortunate exception of Kristen who was unable to come up from Atlanta. (She did however send a video of her "working hard" down south.)



Jordan William

Now in Grade 6, Jordan continues to show his flair for reading, writing and computers. In the Spring, he participated in the Public Speaking Contest, and made it to the top three in the school. He also played the Wizard in a play at school last spring that was a cross between the Wizard of Oz and Alice in Wonderland. It was a great production. We were amazed at the number of lines he memorized, without us ever hearing him practice around the house (he wanted to keep it a secret from us!).



Timothy Stephen

Tim is now in Grade 3. His sense of humour and his outstanding ability to make friends will do him well as he changes schools this



term. Like his brother, he enjoys writing and music and wants to learn to play the drums some day. (Dad's now trying to figure out how to soundproof the new garage!). Tim was also in "Alice in Oz" as part of the chorus. This summer Tim played soccer for the first time, and had a wonderful time and a great season!

Bethany Grace

Bethany is Daddy's girl. At two and a half, she's growing like a weed, and



talks non-stop. When she's not talking, she's singing, and can often be heard making up her own songs about anything and everything. Babies are her passion. She carries around "Baby Sarah" constantly. Anyone even remotely close to her size, or smaller, is fair game for a hug, a kiss, or a cuddle. This includes our unfortunate feline, Spooky, who puts up with a great deal of "softing" before she makes her escape to a less *loving* solitude!

Daniel David

Daniel is now a Senior in Kindergarten showing the ropes to all those little Juniors! Like his brothers, he too will have many new friends at his new school. Writing and art seem to be an inherited trait in our family (from Nancy's side I guess) and Daniel continues the tradition. He is always to be found writing or drawing stories for all his friends. Stories of Star Wars seem to dominate.



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It happened in a moment, but it changed the world forever —
God's Son became a helpless baby boy.
From our sin, He came to save us,
Through His matchless grace, forgave us —

May His joy be yours through this blessed season and 1999.

Murray & Amy Jordan Danny Daniel!

