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Angela is 19 months in all pictures



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Once again, it's been a busy year for our family, and once again, we have another new address. The address is listed above. We live in a small town just north of Corpus Christi. To get to work every day, Paul has to drive over a 3/4 mile long bridge that rises from near sea level to 150 feet above sea level and back down. Portland, at 21 feet above sea level is one of the highest points on the Gulf Coast.

Paul's parents came for a visit in February, bringing with them the cold weather. We had a real good time and ate for weeks on the groceries that were left over.

This was the coldest winter on record in Corpus Christi, too. A record low of 18 degrees was the coldest it's ever been here. Neither of us looked forward to driving in the 2 ice storms, because the people here don't know how to drive. They actually closed the interstate system in San Antonio because of 1" of snow.

Another event in February was a "high-flying accomplishment for Becky's sister. As you know, she's in the army, and was named to the airborne division. Anybody that has enough nerve to jump from a plane deserves congratulations.

Angela was one year old in April and had a birthday party...only three guests showed up, but she had a real good time in spite of one of many ear infections (it's always windy here.) She loved her cake and her favorite present is a riding horsie that she kisses every morning. At one year old, she weighed 18 3/4 pounds and could say ma ma and da da although we're not quite sure what she meant. She loves buttons and one of her first words was butta-butta while pointing at buttons. She has many cute habits like taking laundry out of the baskets and putting it all over everywhere and throwing herself on the floor and screaming when she doesn't get her way. She even did that at the mall where she just saw Santa Claus. (below)

We celebrated mother's day with a weekend camping trip to San Antonio. Among other things, we saw River Walk, along the San Antonio river. It's set below the level of the city and features fancy restaurants floating barge rides, gas lights, outdoor entertainment all in an atmosphere that is reminiscent of the early 1900's.

Becky and Paul took a weekend camping trip to Houston, leaving Angela with a friend. We toured the Johnson Space Center and drove a lot. Later in the year, all 3 of us took in a Dodgers-Astros game in the Astrodome. Angela had hot dogs and beer (just kidding)

Our biggest and most enjoyable trip came in August. We went to Dayton for 1 1/2 weeks of rushing around trying to visit everyone...even a trip to Marion to check things out at our old home. It was real good to see everyone again although we didn't get to see everyone we wanted to.

On the way home, we made stops in St. Louis and ate at the world's only floating McDonalds. Near Springfield we drove through a wild animal park...Angela could not get enough of the animals but didn't want a thing to do with the petting Zoo. Then it was Lake Texoma & Dallas, where we visited many historic sites dealing with President Kennedy's shooting & Austin where we saw the state capitol. Then back home tired but happy.

Becky and Paul are both doing real well with their jobs. Becky recieved 2 promotions to her current position of Breakfast Coordinator at Whataburger, and Paul was promoted to Operations Manager at KIKN.

The most notable event of the year came in late November. After 17 months on the market, our house in Marion finally sold. That means we'll probably have a new address again next year! MERRY CHRISTMAS YA'ALL (that means everybody)

Paul, Becky & Angel

