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Check the return address, we've moved again! This time we hope to stay put for a while. We took advantage of the sagging real estate market here and bought a foreclosed house, just when interest rates bottomed out.

The move was made easier since Paul's parents drove down from Ohio to help out. Paul's father even helped dig and haul dirt for two gardens.

Angela's mid-way through first grade, and has had all A's on both report cards. She joined a swim team during the summer and had to go to practice every day after school until June, when practice moved to 8am. She earned 2 first place ribbons, 3 seconds and 4 thirds. By the way, look at Angela's picture. We agreed to cut her hair this summer.

Becky's father underwent open heart surgery in March, so she flew to Dayton to be with him. Fortunately everything turned out O-K. In a "strange but true" coincidence, Becky's unplanned trip to Ohio allowed her to attend a friend's wedding in Marion.

Danny's been keeping busy, too and now enjoys pretending to be Superman. He'll let anyone within earshot know that he's Superman, and that he's a Big Boy. Dan's been learning songs, and will perform "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," "Three Blind Mice," "Jingle Bells," and "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Paul spent part of the summer teaching bible school while Angela and Danny attended. There was one drawback, Paul missed the banquet at the end of the week, so Becky took his place.

We've had plenty of visitors in the past year. Paul's Uncle Bernard and Aunt Genevieve from South Dakota paid us a visit just before Christmas last year. Paul's parents came in January.

In August, Paul's sister-in-law, Jean visited along with the kids (Eric, Sharon and Patrick.) We went on a tour of the astrodome and the Houston Zoo. They were driving through Houston in the process of meeting Paul's brother, Robert, in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he was being inducted into the Air Force after selling his periodontics practice in South Carolina. He's now stationed at Riverside, California. By the time Christmas rolls around, Robert will have visited us twice during long layovers at the airport.

Just a couple of weeks later, Paul's sister came to visit. Her visit was highlighted by a trip to the beach at Galveston. Linda was back on the move as soon as she left here. After a quick stop at home, she flew to Germany to meet her husband for a quick vacation. She says they came back home after they "ran out of money."

That seems to cover the high points of the year. We hope you're all well. We sure do welcome anyone who happens to be in the area. Oh, by the way.

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