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Hello! It's been another long and busy year for us! It's also been a year of travel and getting re-acquainted with our families.

1991 brought some big changes in our daily lives. Becky stopped her child care business in January to go to school full time, to become a Registered Nurse. Just a few weeks ago, Paul ended his career in the radio business to take a job as a computer programmer for American International Rent-a-car. The company is based in Boston. But for now, Paul's office is just a couple miles from our house. Next June, however, we'll probably move to Austin (Texas).

Angela and Danny spent the Spring playing sports again. Danny did very well on the swim team and earned several first



place ribbons. Angela played Softball again, and while her team didn't do too well, she did great, playing pitcher and first base. She also made the softball all-star team, which kept us busy through Early July.

Becky and Paul spent a week in La Paz Mexico to view the total solar eclipse on July 11th. It was a crystal clear day, and the eclipse was beautiful. We got some great pictures. We also went snorkeling in the Gulf Of California, swimming with sea-lions and tropical fish. As the boat took us back to our hotel, we were lucky enough to pass a school of Killer Whales. It was a very memorable trip! We also spent a weekend with Paul's brother Robert and his family in Riverside California. They treated us to a tour of Beverly Hills, lunch on Malibu Beach, and a Dodgers game.

Paul's parents, meanwhile, managed to drive all the way to Texas to watch Angela and Danny. But fleas chased them all back to Ohio. What a long drive THAT must have been! When we got back from Mexico, Becky flew north to meet them and she and the kids spent a couple weeks in and around Dayton getting re-acquainted with her family and relaxing.

Paul spent his spare time redoing a bathroom, then jumped in the car and drove to Ohio to meet up with Becky and the kids.

The Van Houses had a family reunion in honor of Paul's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. It was the first time we'd all been together in about 10-years. Of course, there was a big Wiffle-ball game and a trip to a Reds game.

Becky, Paul, and the kids then headed to Chicago to see a White Sox game. We all camped in Indiana the first night, and the kids swam in Lake Michigan until Danny turned blue! Then Becky had to fly home, leaving Paul and the kids alone to explore Chicago and drive home. We visited the Museum



of Science and Technology, the Sears Tower, an aquarium and took a lake-front cruise. Other than the tent falling over in a rain storm, it was a pretty good whirlwind tour of the Windy City! On the way back, Paul and the kids visited Abraham Lincoln's home and tomb in Springfield Illinois, and went in the St. Louis Arch.

Both Angela and Danny have been busy with scouting. Angela's in her 3rd year as a girl scout, with Becky as her troop leader. They got a special patch in November when heavy rains hit during camp.

Danny is in his first year as a cub scout, and just earned his "Bobcat" patch.

We're looking forward to hearing from you, so stay in touch!