

Merry Christmas 1993!

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A Time to Rejoice

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He set us free from the death grip of sin on our lives when He was executed on the cross for our crimes. We pray you have a blessed Christmas as you focus on Jesus and His great love for us!

A Time to Serve

Our church started a "Young Married Couples" class in January. Bob led the videoserries "Renewing the Family Spirit" for the first ten weeks. Since then various couples have led studies in Ephesians, Ruth, and the videoserries "Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships." Our class has grown to 15 couples! We are greatly blessed by Christian friends.

We love to have people over for dinner frequently and to offer our home to friends from out of town. *Make plans now to visit us in '94!*

Stacy joined our church's Heart-to-Heart program, which pairs younger women with older women in a mentoring relationship. She also attended a women's Bible study on I Peter.

Planned Parenthood runs an abortion clinic here that slaughters more than 500 babies every year. We regularly picket there. Moreover, we support our Crisis Pregnancy Center, which offers life-saving alternatives. We pray that God would revive us Americans so that we will quickly end this grievous evil.

A Time to Die

In June our cat Sandy was killed by a car while we were in LaPorte for the weekend. She was a very loving, calm cat, and we miss her a lot.

A Time to be Born

We adopted a very playful tiger-striped gray & black kitten, Sweet Pea, from the animal shelter in July. Just a couple days later she nearly died of a cold; we had to force feed her baby food diluted with water! She pulled through, and she has been growing ever since.

A Time to Study

In August Bob passed IU's Ph.D. screening exam, so he's now officially in the computer science Ph.D. program. At the end of December, he completed his master's degree in computer science.

He is currently working on a "Scheme Machine," a computer he designed as part of a research project that may grow into his dissertation topic.

He hopes to complete his PhD. in another 2-3 years and then teach computer science at a small college, preferably Rose-Hulman.

A Time to Work

Stacy completed her first year of service as an RN at Bloomington Hospital. She continues to work three 12-hour night shifts per week in the critical care unit. Her favorite part of work is helping the patients. She studied hard to earn Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification.

A Time to Play

We took 10 days off in March during IU's spring break to visit Stacy's grandmother in Florida. Stacy's parents were there at the same time, so we got to visit them as well! We just missed the "Bliz-

zard of '93" on our drive down. In Florida it was very windy & cold in the 40s; nonetheless, we enjoyed the break from work & school!

In May we celebrated our second anniversary by visiting friends in Evansville.

In August we took a trip up to Michigan, where we hiked and rafted down the Sable river in Ludington State Park. It was a great time to relax together and discuss our goals for the coming year.

We bought all of Focus on the Family's *Adventures in Odyssey* audio-cassette series! We love to listen to them at home and in the car and to share them with friends!

A Time to Paint

Our major project for the summer was repainting our house. The 17-year-old white aluminum siding was extremely dirty & chalky, and the doors & shutters were painted a dismal black. We repainted the siding a periwinkle blue and the rest white. Boy are we thankful our house has just one story!

We also fixed up the back bedroom. Bob patched a large hole in the wall, and we both repainted the room. We bought blinds and curtains and put up a pretty wallpaper border around the top.

A Time to Plant

Stacy enjoyed having dirt she could dig in! Last fall she planted a few bulbs and enjoyed seeing them come up in the spring so much that she planted 30 more bulbs this fall.

We also planted a 10-foot redbud tree in the clay-laden soil of our backyard.

Peace be with you!