



December 2008

Dear Family and Friends,

It is absolutely amazing that another year has passed and I am back writing this message to all! We have continuing news from last year...so please read on!

The year began with much anticipation of our new grandbabies waiting to be born. On March 6, 2008 Makenzie Rae was born to Joelle and Jason. Then on June 2, 2008 Raegen Elisabeth was born to Lis and Jonathan. What momentous occasions for everyone!

Both Makenzie and Raegen are very happy and healthy children and both are sporting 2 teeth, working on taste testing "real" food, giggling and babbling and just being so much fun. They both go to Lis' mother's for child care and are recognizing each other and becoming such friends already!

JoAnna is back at Indiana University and will finish her Master's degree in oboe performance this May. She and her fiancé, Jonathan, are busy planning their wedding across the state lines. They will be married in June 2009.

Bob and I are both just really way too busy yet in our lives. However, that is just the way we must like it as we don't seem to choose to slow down. However, we did opt to hire the painting of our out buildings and the barn instead of trying to do it ourselves. So, maybe we are beginning to understand that we can slow down a bit!

Then on the day before Thanksgiving, Ann became ill (thought it was a bad case of the flu!) However, by Thanksgiving night, she was in surgery for acute appendicitis! With having to fight infection and fever, she was in the hospital 4 days and is recouping at home for 3 weeks. Then because school will be out for vacation, she will not return to the classroom until January - nice! However, Bob certainly had a

lot thrown in his lap Thanksgiving night with our tree business opening the next day. The kids and friends though really rallied around and everything went almost like clockwork!

We sincerely hope that this letter finds you in good health and with happiness. We hope that you and your family have had a wonderful year and enjoy the Holiday Season. Hold each other tight and love each other deeply. We are all such a wonderful and treasured gift from God!

With Love to All-
Ann - Bob and JoAnna