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Dear James + Family,

Christmas and the New Year will soon be here and the grand children are really looking forward to the holidays. They are all getting so grownup that the teen age excitement of Christmas is more in the world of games, computers, calculators and visitation than I have ever noticed before.

We hope that you are well and able to ^{be} out and around where ever you want to go to be with family and friends. Being cooped up with an illness or pain takes away much of the joy of the best part of the year.

We are thankful that we are nearing par again in health. Carl has been pretty well all along. His trouble is that he never wants to go anywhere. It seems to be a real effort for him to do more than the regular routine. I know that it is hard for him to get about because of his bad hip but he surely did help me during the time I had so much pain with what the doctors thought was a pinched nerve. After the pain eased up and I could hardly get around, the neurologist put me in the hospital and gave me a series of tests over a period of a week. They learned that I had no tumors and that all seemed to be OK except that the nerves and muscles in my left leg and foot were weak and affected by the nerves. After giving me the 3D type of Multi-Planar Diagnostic Imaging of the lower lumbar area which they knew was the basis for the trouble they found nothing that they could see in the highly magnified pictures. So, they assumed that the nerve had been severed. After six weeks I could move all parts of my foot and the strength of my muscles increased progressively with exercise. Now I am working part time again at school. Good health is a prize. *Janyce - our oldest son*

*Kurt + Scott
are their
sons.*
We hope to go to be with Frank and his family during the Holidays - both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Janyce's mother lives close by too that makes it nice for all of us. They have a nice restaurant with a seating capacity of nearly a hundred. Kurt is a real interested partner in the business but Frank and another chef carry the major work load. Scott is the Drum Major of their school band and is very active in important ^{activities} at school. He is in the 11th grade this year.

Our youngest son → Bob and his family like to live in Atlanta. They liked Denver when they lived there too but I believe they like Atlanta best of all the places they have lived. That is true partly because he has the kind of work that he likes. Last year he won the company prize of a trip to Hong Kong for himself and his wife, Sandra. Next year he and Sandra get to go to Austria. They are talking about taking their three ^(11-13-15 yr olds) children on that trip. But if they don't, I'm sure Sandra's parents will go and stay with the children as they so graciously have on several occasions before.

We have had some rain and it looks like we may get more. It is not cold here very often so, I never mind the rains.

Our church is planning a real nice program for the holiday season. We now have an assistant pastor and he is young and very active with the young people. He has made a big difference in the attendance and enthusiasm of the church.

We have enjoyed your letters and calls and will look forward to hearing from you again telling about yourself, the family and their activities and the neighbors and town in general.

We wish you a holiday season filled with happy hours and a new year filled with happy days.

P.S. We were fortunate this past May 14, 1982 to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary!

I was delayed this summer with my writings but will continue as I can.

With LOVE,

Carl and Marnie Shippey