

September 23, 1996

Hi Family:

We recently developed the pictures we took on our vacation and since you all can't sit in our living room and watch hundreds of slides, we chose the best photos and scanned them for you to see. Aren't you lucky! As you will see, Greg had to stay and work in Provo while we vacationed. We spent a lot of time in the car, but we had a good time. Probably won't be doing many more of those kind of trips. Plumb wore us out--except for Marty who loves to drive. On the way back, we left Erin off in Provo and Emily bought herself an airplane ticket from Salt Lake City back to San Francisco because Casey (Emily's boyfriend, who she has now broken up with) was flying from New Jersey to our home in California that night, and she was afraid we wouldn't make it home in time if she drove with us. We dropped her off at the airport, and by the time we were to Wendover, she was already home. Kind of made it hard for us lucky ones still in the car! The Suburban started sounding funny about an hour from home and we had to take it in the next day for service--alternator bearings worn out or something. Our extended warranty covered the cost. Casey stayed for two days and then helped Emily drive her car to Utah.

Everybody is back in school now and the house is lonely with just us three.

Greg's c.d. is out now. It's really good and a terrific accomplishment. He'd love to sell you one for \$10.

Emily is in grad school in choral conducting. She teaches one sight-singing class and is singing with the Concert Choir. Loves it. Getting used to life without Casey.

Erin is back in the same apartment she had Spring Semester. Wonders why she is tired all the time. Could be that she doesn't get to sleep until 1:30 a.m. Having too much fun.

John is a high school junior this year with a heavy academic schedule. He's running cross-country track to keep in shape before basketball season begins.

The book that features Marty and his division in several chapters came out in August. It's called Restoring Prosperity by Wellford W. Wilms, published by Random House. Probably not destined to become a best-seller, but exciting for Marty nonetheless. Marty gets up early to run every morning and is going to start training to run the San Francisco Marathon next year.

I've started directing the Los Altos choir again for a Christmas concert. I've also organized a girl's chorus for special music in the concert. Los Altos rehearse early Saturday morning and the girls on Sunday afternoon. We've been asked to sing with other church choirs in the town of Los Altos for the tree lighting ceremony the night after Thanksgiving, and it looks like I may end up directing that combined choir as well. That will be loads of fun!

I've joined a gym for the exercise equipment hoping to lose some weight. Eating fewer cookies would help, too. My friend Pat and I started walking 15 years ago, taking a year off when she had her bonus baby three years ago. That's when I gained my extra weight. Middle age and lack of exercise hit at the same time. Bad combination. Now I'm paying. I'm getting up at 5:30 a.m. to go walk in the hills with Pat and a few times a week I hit the gym.

We're going out to Provo for Homecoming October 11-13. Congratulations, Daddy on the alumni award. We're excited to see everyone.

Love,

