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Dear Friends,

We wish you a happy Christmas and blessings in 1995.

Last Christmas and January '94, we spent in New Zealand with Lois, Ken and their children, Mary (12 yrs.), Esther (10 yrs.) and Zoë (7 yrs.). It was a magically happy time which reminded us of England when we were in our 'twenties' !! Wonderful to explore the North, and join in with the family and Parish life in and around Kaitaia. The children have settled happily into their new life and made many friends.

We see Robert from time to time. He turned up from Geneva for a supper party on Marion's birthday. What a surprise! It was also a joy to see Peter (10 yrs.), who was allowed out of School for the night to be with us. Peter is happy at Aldro, where he is doing very well and excels at sport.

John and Shelagh, Joanna (12 yrs), Suzanna (6 yrs.) and Lucy (6 yrs.) lead very busy lives near-by in the new Godalming Vicarage. We always enjoy seeing them when they pop in.

Islay Jane and Mike with Amy (5 yrs.) and Beth (2 yrs.) are now living in Purbrook. Jane is very occupied with Church activities and drama groups. At present she is busy raising funds for the Shepherd of the Hills Children's Home in the Philippines which was badly damaged by the eruption of Mt. Panitubo.

Andrew and Evelyn, Rachel (3 yrs.) and Lois (2 yrs.) are still in Maidenhead. They are very generously taking us for a month to New Zealand on Dec. 27th. We have a two day stop in Hong Kong, and then a great Family Reunion in Auckland! It will be fun to see five of the cousins together. We never thought we would be going out again so soon.

Ruth is still in Cambodia, working with World Vision in Battambang, which is a dangerous area. The Hospital where she still works was destroyed in June by the Khmer Rouge. The rebuilding is under way, but exploding shells and mines are a constant threat. Ruth is wonderful in keeping in touch and often 'phones to reassure us.

David lives locally and now has an office in Godalming, though his work takes him all over the Country and abroad. He organised and gave a lovely surprise Birthday Party reunion for Marion.

Thinking of Birthdays, Pat will reach his 80th in New Zealand in January. It doesn't seem nearly so old when you get there yourself! We hope to have a family 'get together' to celebrate it on our return in the spring.

We both thank God for family and friends.

Marion and Pat.