

CHRISTMAS 1975

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Dear Friend,

Nineteen seventy five has seen many 'comings and goings' for all the family, so we thought we would share something of what we have been doing.

The whole family were involved in the Daily Mail airlift of children from Vietnam in April. This came as a real answer to prayer. Pat and Lois were already in Saigon, and with others were anxious about what to do with the children in their care. They felt like Moses before the waters of the Red Sea not knowing which way to go, and then they read the words, 'Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of your God.' The miracle that followed you will have read about in the Press. The 54 children PVO brought over were either of mixed parentage or nearly at death's door.

Since then Pat and Marion have been very occupied in helping to get them adopted into Christian homes. As many of the families know our house has often bulged at the seams, but God has wonderfully supplied all our needs and given us very patient neighbours.

Lois holds the family record for travelling this year! She began with a spell in Vietnam which was cut short by the collapse of Saigon. After working at the reception centre in England until July she then spent three weeks in Kenya. On her return she went back to Bristol as a Midwife at her old hospital until it closed down in November. She is now in Thailand working amongst refugee children with Robert. They would both value your prayers.

Robert left his work on the farm after the airlift to help with the mass of work involved with placing the Vietnamese children. In September he left for Thailand and has since been organising the new work that PVO has begun there.

John, having spent some time as a Metallurgist, has now left industry with the intention of being ordained in a few years. He hopes to fill the intervening time by doing social work. He began by spending a month in Kenya, helping to build toilets at a handicapped children's centre!

Jane has left school and is training in a Church of England Children's Society's home near Newbury.

Andrew has also left school, and with a place for him at Sheffield University in September 1976, is earning some money working at Woolworth in order to travel abroad in the Spring.

Ruth is studying for more 'O' and 'A' Levels at Godalming Sixth Form College, and is involved with local Christian Youth Groups.

David is completing the family tradition having started at Christ's Hospital in September of this year.

May God bless us all, as we go forward into 1976, and may we keep close to Jesus - the babe of Bethlehem who is our risen Lord.

We send our love.

THE ASHE FAMILY.