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Dear Ken Irene David & Alex,  
Seasons Greetings. This letter is being written on October 1st to ensure an early delivery. With blue skies and twenty six degrees celsius weather today, summer cannot be far behind.

Lily and Don have enjoyed 1984. Lily is teaching full time; mostly Home Economics and some Early Childhood Studies, an upper school course. She has moved schools and is now teaching at North Lake, another housing commission area, the type of school she enjoys.

Don has continued his curriculum co-ordinator's position with the Education Department half time. He has also written a two hundred page book on one of his school's social development projects. Seventy students undertook a relay bike ride and run covering three thousand five hundred kilometres across the Nullarbor Plain and through the South Western part of Western Australia to raise \$25,000 for disabled people. The book is partly descriptive and partly evaluative using standardized inventories, Rasch computer analysis and pre and post tests, to measure the effect of the event on the school children's self-esteem.

Managing the ten shops in our small shopping centre, producing legal proofs for accident victims and Don's involvement in a small computer business has continued to occupy the remainder of his time. He has continued his hobbies, amateur radio and computing using an Apple and now has a modem for computer communications. Using commercial hi-band VHF FM radio and a computerized base-telephone interface he has established a radio telephone service for disabled people in Perth, a system supported by a donation of thirty second hand radios from a trucking firm updating its equipment.

Our six week trip around the world last Christmas was successful with no real difficulties, except some daredevil stunts on escalators and freeways. It was a pleasure to spend two weeks with Don's brother, George and sister, Margaret and their families in Vancouver and Don's parents in New Orleans. Our method of travel was to rent a car at each stop over and to stay in wheelchair accessible hotels. Highlights for Lily included driving a mammoth Lincoln in Hawaii and fighting Rome's chaotic traffic in a Fiat. She really did enjoy the jazz atmosphere in New Orleans, the Mississippi River and the Louisiana food and culture. She also found shopping in New York an adventure. I really did not appreciate the cold of the Northern Hemisphere and were glad to reach the warm tropical climate of Singapore.

We are planning a six week trip this Christmas to Mauritius and South Africa. Here, we will also rent a car and drive. The choice of Africa is to take advantage of the mid-summer weather. Both of us have always wanted to go to see the big game parks, and diamond mines. Too much Wilbur Smith! We hope to meet Hazel and Ernie (Don's parents) in South Africa for three weeks and then they will join us in Perth for four to six weeks to stay with us.

We always enjoy hearing from you. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable 1985. Please keep in touch through a letter or card.

Sincerely,

Don Pugh and Lily Auld

