

# Merry Christmas from the McCoys

2004

We hope this letter finds you all well and happy.

We've had a somewhat eventful year, and thought we'd share some of the happenings of our family this year:

Kevin: As usual, this year has brought new challenges and opportunities. The largest representation of both was when I made the decision to leave my job at **fonix** and take a job at **AccessData**. Working in Orem has certainly been a blessing. On the church side of things I guess the Lord felt I needed more of a challenge, I was called to be second counselor in the Elder's quorum presidency in September.

*Dana: the first half of the year is a blur with getting familiar with my new calling as Young Women's Camp Director (and I had never been to Girl's Camp before. Ever.), and then having an awesome time at Girl's Camp. What a fun job! What a lot of work! But so worth all the time and efforts. After that I had some nice recuperation time in the Caribbean - my sister Denise treated myself and my sisters Dena & Vicci to a 7 day Cruise with her! We had a blast! (duh!). Since Kevin's now working at a new job where they actually pay him regularly, we decided I didn't need to keep working, too. So in October I was able to leave my teaching position at Utah College of Massage Therapy to stay at home with the kids. I miss my students, but I love being home with my kids more. Life is good. I love my husband, I love my kids, I love my family and friends, my neighbors, my life. And I love the Lord. Thank you all for being a part of it, and for all you do to love and support us.*

Heather (16): Highlights of the start of the year include getting a CD of one of my Orchestra concerts and my decision to leave Orchestra in order to join Academic Decathlon. AcaDec is sort of like sports for the mind, mostly involving incredibly difficult multiple-choice tests in many subject areas like history, language and literature, music, and art. My summer was, therefore, mostly taken up with reading long study guides to prepare for competition. I also went to Ireland for two weeks with my sister and two of our aunts (my first trip overseas). I returned to school and started four Advanced Placement classes, in addition to AcaDec and PE. Obviously, I have been very busy, and I know that it will only get worse, with Regional, State, and (hopefully) National Academic Decathlon competitions and AP tests in May. Nevertheless, I have enjoyed myself and will continue to make the most of whatever comes my way.

Kaity (15): This year was great. In the spring I played All-star soccer. Even though I hurt my foot and had an hour-long nosebleed, I enjoyed myself. In the summer I went to Ireland with Heather, Aunt Lynette, and Aunt Diane. We took many pictures, and I plan to scrapbook them while the new year is still young. Without knowing what it was, I tried and liked black pudding while I was there. It was very much like overcooked sausage. Before we left for Ireland we went to Girl's Camp, which was fun. After Ireland it was time for school to start. This year I am taking Accelerated Algebra II, Physical Education, French III, Block, and Chemistry. (Block is an hour-long combined class of English and American History.) Other than that, not much has happened. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Megan (5): I had a fun year with finishing Preschool and starting Kindergarten. My teacher is Mrs. Bennett. I really like to color, read and do my homework. I've also liked playing soccer and having swimming lessons last summer, and learning Gymnastics this fall. I also like to give talks in Primary. This year I've given five talks (there are only 3 kids in my class). And I just lost my first tooth - right before Thanksgiving.

Riley (3): I love to play with toys and my friends. I also like playing with my big sisters. I love to swim and go to Gymnastics. And did I mention I love to play? I keep my mom & dad in stitches with my funny way of saying things. I love my mom and dad, but I really would like to be in the Incredibles' family. Since I'm not, I'm happy pretending I'm *Dash* (Megan is *Violet*, Mommy is *Elastigirl*, and Daddy is *Mr. Incredible*).

