



*Warmest Wishes for a
Happy and Blessed Christmas
and a Wonderful New Year
to*

*Our Dear Friends
from*

*Mary Beth, Richard, Robert and Michael
Christmas 1995*

As we've said in years past, life is hectic but fun! We have now settled down to being married with children. To help us get the year off to a good start, Margaret (Mary Beth's Mother) came to the rescue at the time of Michael's birth.

John (Mary Beth's Brother) visited us several times and is the doting uncle. We are always glad to have him visit!

Lynn McIntyre (Mary Beth's cousin from Halifax) visited in early November after attending a seminar in San Diego. As always the visit was too short.

To give Mary Beth some relief, we have the daughter of a church friend come to our home three times a week to take care of the boys. Other than that, and the limited support Richard can provide, Mary Beth's more-than-full-time career is caring for Michael and Robert. Although this is very rewarding for her, it is also very tiring.

Our big news of the year has been the growth of National TeleConsultants and Richard's promotion (along with his colleague John Aalto) to the position of Vice President. This creates a different set of responsibilities for Richard and he is becoming comfortable in his new role. Richard's business travel had slowed for the past couple of years, but this year he had many short trips, mostly to Seattle and Washington, DC.

At the beginning of December, National TeleConsultants relocated to the 10th floor of 700 North Brand Boulevard in Glendale, with a separate shop facility on Flower Street, also in Glendale. Richard's new work number is 818/265-4400, the fax is 818/265-4455, and the zip code is 91203-1238. Richard's personal e-mail is 72647.622@compuserve.com and we encourage our family and friends to communicate in this high-tech way.

Richard is currently working on moving KTTV, the Fox flagship station from

Hollywood to West Los Angeles. This is one of the largest projects that NTC has undertaken. Another interesting and different project which continues is designing the technical systems for The Newseum, the nation's museum of news which is scheduled to open in Arlington Virginia in 1997.

On the first work day of the year, Richard was rear-ended in our new Suburban on the way to work. We were without the vehicle for a month, but it is fine now, and Richard was not hurt.

At the end of March, we drove out into the desert looking for wildflowers and found very few. We did have dinner with some of Richard's friends from CompuServe's Photography Forum near Joshua Tree National Park. After dinner, we were forced to drive all the way home since our guaranteed room wasn't.

The Memorial Day weekend saw the resumption of our Cambria, CA weekends. On this trip, we were joined by our friends Bob and Diane Killgore and their triplet boys. It was great to get away and relax!

We also went up to Cambria by ourselves over the July 4th weekend. Later in July, Richard had a business trip to Chadd's Ford, PA which is about 40 miles from his Dad. Jay and Dick came over for dinner. It was great to see them!

Our big trip this year was a cross-country drive of 6431 miles in three-and-a-half weeks! This started the last week of September. We managed to drive from our home to Lancaster, PA in five days, stopping only to see Stan Schwartz from PhotoForum in Tulsa. We then spent a glorious, relaxing week with Jay and Dick allowing them to get to know the boys and vice-versa. This week included a trip to Valley Forge where three generations of Sons of the Revolution members (Dick, Richard, and Michael and Robert) posed

in front of the flagpole donated by The Sons. We also had a great historic tour of Lancaster and Mannheim, where Dick showed us the house he was born in, the one he grew up in, and a house built by Richard's great-grandfather. We also were treated to a wonderful lunch by Richard's Uncle Don and Aunt Chris.

The next week was spent in Aurora, Ontario visiting John and Margaret. John cooked a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. This was a fairly quiet week, only having short visits with Mary Beth's friends Judy and Brian Poyntz, and Lise and Bob Preston. At the end of the week, Mary Beth's cousins, Cathie and Theo Joyce were able to visit us.

On Saturday, October 14th, Michael was baptized at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newmarket by the Rev. Craig Cribar. This was the minister who married us in 1983 in the same church. This church was where Mary Beth's Grandfather, Dugald McIntyre, was a minister for many years. We were most fortunate that many of Mary Beth's cousins could attend: Louana and Robert McIntyre, Michelle and Gordon McIntyre, Sally and Stan Nierzad, and Cathie and Theo Joyce. After the service, John had us all back to the house for a wonderful reception.

On our return we spent a night with Mary Beth's cousins Cathie and Theo Joyce in Sarnia. We went on to visit Richard's cousins Nancy and Tom Kivell in Grand Rapids and Mary Lou and David Hess in Wheaton (a suburb of Chicago).

We are planning to spend Christmas in Aurora, and already have our plane reservations—this is a benefit to all of Richard's business travel: free vacation travel!

We send you all our love, apologize to those we could not see in September and October, and wish you all the best for 1996!