

So, you were still waiting for the 1995 letter?
Here it is – two for the price of one!

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Reinhard was hit by a deer in February. The deer is dead; the van is dead; Reinhard went out and bought a new Toyota van. Janette tore a ligament (ACL) in her knee while riding. The horse is ok but Janette has a titanium brace. We spent spring break in Tucson with Louise. No one got hurt. Right after school was out in June we visited Jeff and Yunxia in New York. Reinhard (a true immigrant) climbed up the Statue of Liberty. In July we visited Marty and Jane in Minnesota. Raudi and Tobi turned 2. Later that summer we enjoyed a visit by Herbert and Gerlinde from Germany. At our annual Lot Party we had a finished deck and Gazebo to show off. Right after Christmas we flew to Fiji (to check out possible 1999 New Year's Eve sites). Reinhard was stung by a stingray. We spent New Year's Eve flying from Fiji to the Kingdom of Tonga.

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Our South Sea experience was a fascinating one! When we came back home our downstairs was painted and wallpapered. We again spent our spring break in Tucson with Louise. In May Janette visited her brother Randy and family in California and in June/July Reinhard took 16 kids to Munich for 3 1/2 weeks. Janette stayed home alone and watched another (John) Deere hit the van... Janette became the proud mother of a new horse: *Distinguished Mark*. Her other horse, Flare, went off to become a brood mare. Raudi and Tobi quietly (ha ha) turned three. At the end of summer we celebrated our 10th Lot Party. Perfect attendance people are still waiting for their prizes... In November we drove once again to Door County with Tim and Colleen and then we flew to Philadelphia for our annual foreign language convention. And now we are off to celebrate Christmas in Germany with Herbert and Gerlinde and the New Year in Holland with Wilfried.

Somewhere amongst all that traveling we still teach. Janette got her 20-year clock last year and Reinhard is finishing his 24th year this year. We are happy and thankful that we are able to spend time with our friends and family at home and on our travels.

We wish you health and happiness in 1997! We plan to stay home more. Come visit us and bring your swimming suit.