

## Christmastime 1988

Dear Friends and Family,

Seasons Greetings to you and our best wishes for a Happy New Year. It's been quite a year for us at the Grayson-Hestilow home.

Mary Kristine was born on January 12th. She has been a true bundle of joy to us throughout the year. She has a cheerful disposition and is big (22 pounds) and healthy. Since 9 1/2 months old she has been on the run - walking everywhere and getting into everything. Her smile makes up for her destructive curiosity.

Our greatest shock came in February. Amy, then 2 1/2, was diagnosed as having a rare congenital liver disease. She underwent many tests at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma. On April 13th, she had a four hour operation to correct her problem. In October, she had two more liver scans and the prognosis is very good. Her liver should function normally from now on.

Meanwhile, Amy is still our little angel. She loves to play dress-up and beauty shop. She likes to play and fight with her brother and sister. She has those unusual "lovable" qualities of the terrible-terrific two and three year olds. Of course, she has her Daddy wrapped around her little finger.

Rich is the big boy now at age 5 1/2. He is always busy - talking, playing, reading, and creating. His favorite activity is going with his Daddy (big boys only!) to the local Science Museum and a round of Putt-Putt. He attends afternoon kindergarten. He is a very protective big brother to his two little sisters.

Gary has had a busy year at work. At home he has taken on a lot of the chores involved with the three kids. He loves and enjoys his family and, of course, the kids think he is great.

As for me (Kris), I take it one day at a time, taking care of the crew. Don't forget that our 100 pound abrador Retriever puppy in

the back yard needs lots of attention, too.

Richie, Amy, and Mary are each a unique challenge but truly our blessed gifts. We pray for wisdom, patience, and a little luck, as they grow.

May these greetings find you and your loved ones in good health and good spirits. May you have a blessed New Year. With warmest wishes from our house to your hours,

Gary, Kris, Rich, Amy, and Mary