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Hello to our friends,

Since many of you have not heard from us in two years, and in Tom's case it has been even longer. There is a great deal of news from the Myers household.

In late summer of 1988, Mary and I went on a trip to Germany for three weeks. In Heidelberg I asked Mary to marry me and she accepted. Our trip was wonderful and we saw lots!

In the fall of 1988 we built a house in Chili, New York and moved in in October. Our house sits on a pond, is a three bedroom cape cod and we love it.

1989 was definitely our year. We got married on June 24, 1989. After much ado, we were able to get married at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Rochester, NY. On June 29 after a 3 day honeymoon in Niagara Falls, Mary left for studies in Mexico. We met again on August 4th in Mexico City and two wonderful weeks were spent on the road looking at Mexican ruins. The cities along the way were lovely and the trip ended with several idyllic days on the beach in Cancun.

Fall of 1989, our home is shaping up. Our yard was final graded and we were able to put in a sprinkler, grass, front landscaping and a paved driveway.



At Brandenburg Gate 2 days after the wall opened here

Our 1989 Christmas cards were bought but never were written or sent. Instead we went to Germany for the Christmas Holidays. It was very interesting. We were able to see a German Christmas complete with the many different traditions of the households we visited. It was surprising how many people use real candles on their Christmas trees! Our visit started in Hamburg visiting friends, Bill and Angelika Neel and their new baby Allison Marie and we stayed with two wonderful friends, Erika and Jürgen Krüger. Then we spent Christmas Eve in Kassel with Mary's aunt and uncle, Dida and Gerd. They had guests from mainland China - two couples and dinner conversation was fascinating. From there several days were spent in Nürnberg with Mary's cousin, Alex, his wife, Chris, and their two children, Boris and Iris. We were able to see Mary's grandmother's grave. She had died of a heart attack the previous September at the age of 89. Leaving Nürnberg we took

the train through East Germany to West Berlin. The Brandenburg Gate had just opened and we of course chipped away at the wall. We shopped, spent a day in East Berlin, and wondered at the great changes taking place in Germany. Our last evening was spent in Würzburg with a German teacher and his wife. They came to Rochester, along with 12 students for an exchange at Mary's school in September 1990.

Summer of 1990 we concentrated on the outside of our house. Since we live in a new housing tract, this was the first full year of having a real yard! We added a deck onto the back of our house which we love and started the landscaping around it.

Fall of 1990, our biggest news is that we are going to have a baby girl in December. We are very happy to have an addition to the household. Mary was put on disability because of early complications in the pregnancy, but things seem to be working themselves out. It will be the first grandchild for both of our families. The future grandparents are thrilled and she was due on December 5, ~~but as of this letter (December 15th), Baby Myers has still not chosen to appear.~~

NEWS FLASH: BABY MYERS IS BORN.

Tom and Mary are proud to announce that Erika Marie Myers arrived at the early hour of 3:36 am on Monday December 17, 1990. Erika is 22 inches tall and weighs 8 pounds 3 ounces with long black hair. Both mother and daughter are now home and doing wonderfully.



Erika Marie Myers

MARY: *The years have certainly been busy and unusual ones. I studied Spanish at the undergrad level and continued my grad studies in Educational Administration. I also planned a professional meeting for the NYS Assoc. of Foreign Language Teachers. We are 3500+ members and I was the Vice-President of the organization. Teaching continues to be a most entertaining way to earn a living, even though I was put on disability at Easter and missed the end of the year, because of some early problems in our pregnancy.*

TOM: *It has been very exciting these past few years. I sold my half of the 'Ranch' to Gordon and as you have heard built a house and got married. My business has never been better. I am now working exclusively on the Macintosh computer in my home office developing software under contract for Kodak. As always I love what I do and it's been great working at home. I think it will be very nice being home with the new baby, but am wondering how things will be once she begins moving around on her own!*

We hope you are all well and send you sincere wishes for a Happy Holiday ! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year's!