

# Happy Holidays

Christmas 1996

*Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays and a wonderful 1997 to all of you and your families. Our Christmas letter gives us a chance to say hi to all of you and to recap our year for those who are far away or those friends we have not seen very much this year.*

*This year has been very eventful. Erika is now 6 years old and has grown into quite the young lady. She is one of the oldest children in the Montessori School Casa Program (3-6 year olds). It's amazing all the geography, math and language skills that she has absorbed. Around January she will be moving up to elementary (6-9). She loves school and now is a bus rider!*



*Erika with Santa*

*This year Erika has chosen to begin piano lessons. She has a Casio keyboard and enjoys practicing every day. She gave a piano recital at Nazareth College in December. (Well two pieces anyway). She also enjoys an entertaining dance class and continues to attend a German class on Saturdays. Erika says she is looking forward to ice skating and skiing this winter. Mom & Dad, don't forget sledding!*

*For Mary 1996 has passed in a flash. It is sometimes hard to remember to live in the moment and focus on the now. She is still teaching at Arcadia High School (third year without a contract makes the morale rock bottom) and it is still a combination of German and Spanish. This makes year 20 with high school students. Her highlight was being able to spend time in Germany with beloved family and friends. She was very happy that Tom could take the time off from the business to spend some time with her and Erika in Munich,*

Kassel and Duesseldorf. Erika and she stayed for about 4 weeks and also visited Cologne. There was a new baby to get to know in Munich and his name was Thomas! The whole family was invited by Mary's cousins to tour the famous castles of Ludwig and everyone piled into a 9 person van and off they went. It was a highlight of the trip. The relatives were gracious hosts, especially Mary's aunt and uncle, Dida and Gerd Zuncke. They were the souls of hospitality and many memories center around them. Mary still does some work with the State Education Department and some in-servicing of teachers. You can e-mail Mary at "marymyers@aol.com".



Erika and Mary in Munich

Tom's business has grown at a steady rate. During the summer he had 9 full time people



Erika and Tom making Pumpkins

and for the rest of the year there are 5. Work has continued to be interesting, from the continued work on Johnson & Johnson's blood analyzer program to Kodak's Picture Postcard to Multimedia MPEG delivery for a TV Station. It's hard to believe that JTA is entering it's 20th year. As usual the Macintosh world is always changing and it is challenging to keep up with the current trends. While the press likes to make much of Apple's imminent death, this same story has been reported since 1984! With 58 million

Mac users JTA is not overly worried. Now if the press starts praising Apple, that would be cause for concern. This year JTA has also done a lot of cross platform development on Macintosh, Windows 95/NT and Sun Solaris's Unix. JTA like the rest of the world has it's own web site, below is the obligatory computer geek address with all pertinent information.

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Tom, Erika and Mary at Neuschwanstein

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