

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Apologies to everyone again this year for the typewritten, copied Christmas letter, but thank Heaven for typewriters and copiers, otherwise no one would get a letter at all. Maybe if and when I ever retire I'll get back to basics.

This last year has been an exciting one for the Brow family. Our Daughter, Paige, turned 21 years old in March (hard to believe), so to celebrate that special occasion, Paige, her boyfriend Frank, Gordon and I all went to Las Vegas for 4 days. Paige and Frank had never been before, so it was something new for them and they had a chance to try the gambling.

In May Paige underwent surgery again to remove the 12" metal pin which had been inserted in her left leg the year before following her auto accident. She recovered fairly quickly from this operation and her scars are healing with time. She still has pain in her back and leg at times and probably always will. While recuperating from the operation, she decided to find another job which provided higher monetary rewards. She decided to try her hand in Gordon's business (selling office supplies and office equipment). She has been at it now since June and is doing excellent and enjoys working with all the other sales people. She works under a Sales Manager, so hardly has anything to do with her Dad, as he is almost totally tied up with administration.

A Brow family reunion was the big item in August, when the entire Brow clan invaded Gordon's Mother's place on Okanagan Lake. Everyone pitched in to make the 4 days a great time.

In September Gordon decided to expand Basic Business Systems Ltd. in Surrey and took over a company in Burnaby which had been in business for over 20 years. He is still trying to get the new business on to the computer and various systems which help run the Surrey operation and I suppose it will take a while longer before everything is organized.

October this year was an incredible experience for Gordon and I as we were away the entire month on safari in East Africa. The trip of a lifetime to say the least. We started from Nairobi and toured some 2,500 miles by van within Kenya, up to the border of Tanzania and down to the coast of the Indian Ocean. We travelled throughout the lands of the Kikuyu, Samburu and Masai tribes and the wildlife was abundant. We travelled with a group of 24 people, all from the Vancouver area and shared some marvellous experiences. We left here armed with 60 rolls of film (good thing too, as a roll of film in Kenya was \$22.00 Canadian). We actually took 40 rolls and now have two very large photo albums containing the best of our shots (after discarding some 260 of the not so good ones).

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We left Africa loaded down with wood carvings, masks, baskets, jewellery and many everlasting memories of a wonderful place. As the flying time from Vancouver to Nairobi is about 20 hours and we had to change planes in Amsterdam, we decided to stop in London, England, on the way home to visit Gordon's cousin and her Husband for a few days.

Once we were home, it took most of November to get back into a routine, as the time difference between Vancouver and Kenya is 11 hours, plus the jet lag, both of which get your system all out of wack.

Now Christmas is almost upon us and we're looking forward to a quiet Christmas at home. We still have our horses and still enjoy riding whenever possible. Our property is in the process of being rezoned, so we may not have them for too much longer.

We hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying life as we are.

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR AHEAD.