



## Merry Christmas 2004

There's a campaign afoot, at least there is here  
To take **Christmas** out of this time of the year.  
A generic holiday season, they'd call it, that's all.  
Just a wee celebration at the end of the fall.

Retailers will spin it to bring in the most cash  
The ACLU will block it with statements most rash.  
The mention of **Christ** now is something to stop  
The mere mention of religion we must certainly drop.

We sense there is more than just meets the eye  
We keep asking ourselves and keep wondering why.  
"In God we trust" it says here and there  
Our founders said it but we're told, "Do not to dare."

This letter we're sending as a greeting to you  
Hoping you'll some find good in all that you do  
And tell you the pattern to shape our behavior  
Is the life of **Jesus**, our brother and **Savior**.

So greetings we send to you and your kin  
Enjoy the season and let His love in.  
Our message is longer than ever before  
For our family members do grow more and more.

We start on a note that is somewhat sad  
Although there are some who might really feel glad.  
**Moses**, the Spaniel, this summer did die  
We know he is gone, but we do not know why.

For ten years he ruled a good part of our home  
No place was sacred where he couldn't roam.  
His four drinking fountains were filled with a flush  
When he went for a drink, he made everyone blush.

His long floppy ears dipped down and got wet  
This caused a sensation no one can forget.  
Most were sad to see **Moses** roll over and die  
But are comforted because toilet seats are now dry.

Scott's **Carson John** is our fourteenth grandchild  
He joined us June, 7<sup>th</sup> when the weather was mild.  
Scott now has four, a girl and three boys  
He has a new home that is chuck full of toys.

**Scott and Pam** in Albuquerque N.M.  
They live at a pace that seems to suit them.  
Scott is an engineer at chip maker Intel  
A profession that seems to suit him quite well.

**Carson, and Rylee and Mitchell and Chase**  
Keep Pam moving each day at a fairly fast pace.  
Two are in school, there's activities there  
The other two require her attention and care.

**Mitchell**, the oldest, just turned nine this year  
He approaches his world with an outlook quite clear.  
**Chase** is in school for the very first time  
Has trouble sitting still. Cause he wants to climb

**Rylee**, the girl is now three years old  
She's learned from her brothers to be very bold.  
**Carson's** first trick, which now is his big thing,  
It's a vigorous jump that he does in his swing.

The next youngest child is **Benjamin "Matt"**  
He's **Matt's** second child and is stout but not fat.  
His big sister is **Hannah**, who is now turning four,  
Is precocious and smart and we need not say more.

**Jana** is a full time housewife and mother  
So the kids are being taught by her and none other.  
While **Matt** works at Dell on computers and such  
It's a fast paced job he seems to like very much.

They live down in Texas, the town is Round Rock.  
It seems there is a park on almost every block  
The weather is good it rarely is cold  
The climate is perfect or so we are told.

# Happy New Year 2005

Brad's **Braden Michael** has just now turned three  
He's both tough and tender and as smart as can be.  
**Aryn** is now five and has started to school  
She's trying to learn to follow each rule.

Allyn or **Allie**, there are few will knock her  
She is one of the best when she's playing soccer.  
**Andrea Abbie** is so active in sports  
She lives the year round in athletic shorts.

**Michael** is growing and is getting quite tall  
He's six foot four and has never been small.  
All three of the kids are examples in town  
They now carry the mantle and can't let it down.

With four kids in school, **Connie's** day is real fast.  
And it's usually midnight when she tucks in the last  
**Brad** is selling chemicals, systems and that stuff  
He maintains a schedule he finds pretty tough.

**Gregory** and **Cheryl** in New Mexico live  
Their life is quite structured and has little give  
Cheryl's life is wrapped in all of her three  
The kids are as busy as they can possibly be.

**Brian** is now a senior in his high school  
And works at Sandia, his internship is cool.  
**Brent** has grown up he's getting quite tall  
At Cibola High he plays basket ball.

**Brooke** who is nine is on top of her class  
She works real hard to be a very smart lass.  
Greg's bending wires to straighten out teeth  
With a new smile he can lessen one's grief.

**Jenny** and **Jake** have so much to do  
To get ready for something as this year is through  
Little **Jake Jr.** is expected to be  
The newest addition to our big family.

February '05 is the month of his birth  
To know he is coming just check Jenny's girth.  
Jake is wrapping it up and finishing school  
In May he is done and that will be cool.

Then it's on to law school for the family of three  
The big question now is, "Where will it be?"  
Grandma and Grandpa have started to worry  
They're hoping they'll come right here to Missouri.

You may not believe it but **John's** still making parts  
For trucks and for planes and even golf carts.  
Between work and Church he stays out of trouble  
In fact it seems like the work is now double.

He just got back from China and it happened while there  
He was arrested while running in Tiananmen Square.  
He runs every morning whether a clear day or fog  
However his pace has slowed down to a jog.

**Jackie** keeps busy with projects and such  
She hasn't slowed down, at least not very much.  
No longer employed by the Concert Association  
Her retirement pace is still not a vacation.

Her big project this year, a tough one it's been,  
She made a huge quilt for Jacob and Jen  
Jen got the first of many she'll do  
Because her granddaughters each need one too.

How come these old folks in Moberly stay  
And not on a mission in a land far away  
Missouri needs work, there is still much to do  
Yes, Randolph County is the mission field too.

So, as we wrap up Two Thousand and Four  
It seems the world's problems have become many more  
And things look rough and the pathway is knurled  
But, "there's a better way, than the way of the world."

We can make ourselves better and our families too  
It really depends on the things that we do  
**Christ** set the pattern for each woman and man  
How should we all be? He said, "**Be as I am.**"

So follow His lead. He's laid out the way  
It is as simple as that. What more need we say.  
Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year  
To all of our friends and those we hold dear.

THE JORGENSENS  
*Jackie* *JA*