



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, 7th 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*