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A New Start

What a way to end the year! We bought our first house just before Thanksgiving then Christina and I were married on December 21st. The kids and I moved into the house immediately and then Christina once we were married.

The last few years have seen both households moving, and moving, and moving. Six times for Christina and the girls and four for Tom and Kyle. Thanks to everyone who lent a helping hand. We think we've found a place we can live with just a bit longer.

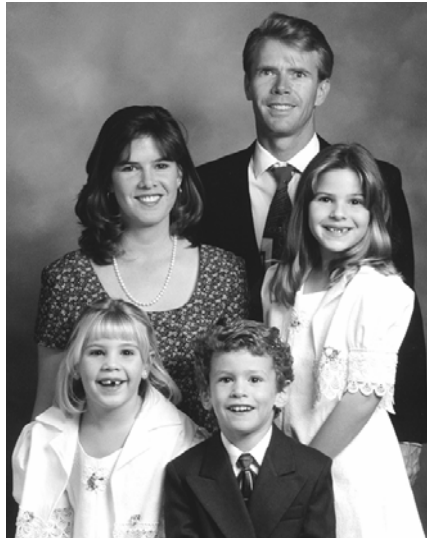
As can be expected with a new place, we've got quite a list of projects to get it looking "just right." Although the list will probably never be finished, we're very happy with what we have.

Tom

Lots of changes this year for Tom, most for the better. From the dissolution of one marriage to the commencement of another and some significant changes in his job.

Earlier in the year Tom moved from the navigation engineering group he was in at Rockwell to a transportation electronics group. He has a variety of duties in this new position including project and test engineering, and software development.

His part-time business (Business Computing Solutions) is doing very well. It's been going now for over three years and growing steadily. The primary focus is setting up networked computer systems and billing software for medical offices. The future looks very bright for this business and may someday be his primary pursuit.



Christina

She's in the final stretch and can see the light at the end of the tunnel! Christina is expecting to complete her bachelors degree in Human Services next May and Tom is looking forward to her entering the full-time work force. Her near-term desires are for teaching or otherwise helping children.

During the Fall 96 semester, she began leading groups at one of the classes on campus. It was quite an honor and Christina learned a great deal from the experience. She will be giving it another try by group leading again in the Spring and also working at an internship where she will be leading groups, and providing counseling and tutoring for high school students.

Tiffany

Growing fast, almost too fast. She lost several teeth this year and often had large holes in the front of her mouth.

Tiffany started first grade this year and is doing very well. She even likes the homework (most of the time).

Being the "Big sister" Tiffany was the one to get her own room in the new house - and she is thrilled!

After trying soccer last year and not really enjoying it, she took a drawing class this year. We were all very impressed with her ability and hope to see her continue this hobby.

Heidi

New experiences, new people, new places. Heidi started kindergarten this year and has adjusted well to that new environment. She always gets excited when she learns something new, and wants to share it with everyone. She spends a lot of time each day sharing what she did and learned at school. We hope this persists for a long time.

She tried soccer for the first time and showed some real potential and had lots of fun. We think she can develop into a good athlete and will encourage her to continue with this and other activities.

Kyle

Living in two households can be difficult, but Kyle has shown We look forward to having him with us whenever we are able and miss him terribly when he is with his mother.

Kyle became quite a swimmer over the summer and turned into quite a fish! His favorite hobbies are writing, drawing, swimming and pretend games.