



December 2005

Dear Friends from Yesteryear,

For most of us there are major reasons why we enjoy the Christmas Season. First of all it is the time we remember the birth of our Savior. It is also the time when we send greetings to our friends in the hopes that they will respond back to us. It is also an opportunity to share with you some of the outstanding events we experienced this past year.

In February we had a "growing" family reunion in Kansas City. There were 13 of us present. Grandson Andy and his wife were at the reunion with their little baby Lia. It was thrilling to watch as Jon dedicated his granddaughter to the Lord.

Our oldest granddaughter Amy gave birth to another daughter named Savanna which was a delightful experience for big sister Alexa. Our granddaughter Carrye (named after Lyle's mom) will soon be having another child who will join excited little Amelia.

Jon's primary ministry is in Kansas City but more and more he is accepting opportunities in several European countries. It's rather exciting when he ministers in Denmark where Lyle's great-grandfather was a pastor. Our daughter-in-law Mindy has just been appointed as a Flight Attendant for Southwest Airlines. We're sure her new job will give rise to many interesting experiences in the future.

We are doing relatively well. In fact at 82 years of age Alice is doing very well. She continues to be involved with some of the many Japanese students that are enrolled here at Northeastern University. Lyle isn't as active. He has a mild case of epilepsy which the doctors are trying to control by medicine.

Each summer we make a fast trip to Iowa which is still home for us...Up until last year we attended Bible Camp in Louisiana but will not continue that in the future... We should report that we have great neighbors who were missionaries in Guatemala...Alice and I exercise regularly every day...Our Japanese friend "Aiyako" goes to church with us every Sunday and then comes to our home for dinner.

We do sincerely pray that this Christmas and New Years season will be very special for each of you. We would like to be caught up on what the Lord is doing in your life.

Lyle and Alice Petersen

*"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." JOHN 1:4 KJV*