



The Third Annual Dave & Catherine Holiday Update Letter



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Dear Family and Friends:

First of all, Catherine and I would like to wish each and every one of you the happiest of holiday seasons and a healthy 1999. I can't believe it's 1999, we've been waiting for over a decade, finally, it's time to party! For the first time since I started writing Christmas letters (long before all the pretty graphics, fancy word processors, back when dinosaurs roamed the earth) I actually am having a hard time figuring out what I want to say and how to say it.

This year is ending a lot better than last year. Let's see, where do we start this time....

Dave is not sick, he has a job and the Masters is actually going to get finished (or at least that is what I've been told - again). Catherine is still willingly stuck in the perpetual purgatory otherwise known as Georgia Tech. The Ph.D. should be completed in another year or two (or at least that is what I've been told).

Dave landed himself a fairly low paying, but exceptionally cushy job with the State of Georgia Air Protection Branch. The new job is wonderful and the people I work with are some of the nicest (albeit, the strangest) people I have ever met - they're engineers, what did you expect.

Several months ago, our eldest, Loki, was having his yearly check-up and was diagnosed with a slight heart condition. Did you know that they do ultra-sounds on cats? Neither did I, but they do. He has dilated cardiomyopathy, just like people get, and just like people he has to take medication. Every night he gets his pill, gets a little loopy and then tears around the apartment at speeds exceeding Catherine's research in the wind tunnel. His sister, Freya, now weighs about 16 pounds and is one of the best guard cats I have ever seen. She even growls at the front door when someone knocks.

The biggest news we have involves getting us and our 1,000 square feet of stuff out of our 1,100 square foot apartment and into a house. We began construction on the house a couple of months ago and have been told that we should be in by mid-February. Our new address will be: 4261 Mill Grove Lane, Smyrna, GA 30082. If you are interested in seeing the house, or are tired of watching Bob Villa, you can check out the house construction on the web at http://members.tripod.com/dave_matos/home.html. Plenty of room for visitors... hint hint, nudge nudge.

Dave's brother, Mike, is doing very well at the University (sic!) of Georgia. He is just about complete with his degree in education (how scary is that) and will start student teaching in a couple of months. He is now coaching debate at his old high school. Catherine's sister, Suzie, got engaged this past year. She is working at Emory University and is looking to get a cushy State job just like her big brother-in-law Dave. Her fiancé Jason is at law school in Alabama.

As for our parents, Dave's are doing great. Mom Matos saw the new house as an opportunity to pass on her old furniture and get new furniture for herself. Dad still works at the Savannah River Site. Mom is still at the school district. Both are healthy and doing very well. They have an e-mail address: dkmatos@mindspring.com

Catherine's parents are apparently showing their senility, they just bought a new Mercedes, but swear it is a Hyundai. I think they need to start taking Ginko Biloba. Dad Moseley 'works' at the golf course and Mom loves every minute of it. Sometime soon, they may be moving back to Georgia.

I guess that is about it, thanks to the internet, we are able to keep up with people inexpensively (Dave likes) and often. If you have e-mail, please drop us a note:

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Hopefully we will see everyone real soon. Please keep in touch and have a happy holiday season. We love and miss everyone.

Dave, Catherine, **Loki & Freya**