



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 2000. I hope this letter finds everyone well prepared for the upcoming Y2K festivities -- looting, anarchy, etc.

This year has been an exciting and exceptionally busy one. Where do we start this time...

Dave is still "working hard" at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Since he's been there for over a year they have officially made him Supreme Ruler of New Employees. That means I know enough to welcome the new employees and 'train' them into well adjusted State of Georgia Employees. Catherine is still willingly stuck in the perpetual purgatory otherwise known as Georgia Tech. The Ph.D. should be completed in another year (or at least that is what I've been told). Boy, that part about Catherine sounds familiar!

Cat Health Update (betcha don't see that in a lot of Holiday Letter) - Loki was diagnosed last year with a heart condition, his checkup this year showed a remarkable improvement. I guess his all those vitamins and supplements do work. His 'little' sister, Freya, was diagnosed with a condition well known to a lot of us -- she's overweight. She has been put on a diet and has lost a couple of pounds (much better than the rest of the family). As part of her weight-loss program she and her brother zip around the new house at speeds exceeding the rate of panic over Y2K problems

The biggest news we have involves the completion of our house and finally moving us and our 1,000 square feet of stuff out of our 1,100 square foot apartment. The house was completed in late February. We are still not settled and probably won't ever be. Please don't worry that you did not get invited to our house warming party - we haven't had one yet.

We also took a trip to St. Thomas. It is a beautiful island, however it's morning rush hour is worse than Los Angeles. We found that out on our last day as our plane left us standing at the gate. However, a really nice 'airline' flew us to San Juan so we could catch another flight back to Atlanta. After weighing in, us and 3 others boarded the full flight to Puerto Rico. I got to be the co-pilot! How cool is that!

Dave's brother, Mike, is doing very well; he runs a local Augusta restaurant 'The Dizzy Chicken', and coaches debate at his old high school, all while finishing up his degree. Catherine's sister, Suzie, now lives in Alabama and is working at the University of Alabama. She will begin graduate school in the fall. Her fiancé Jason is at law school in Alabama.

As for our parents, Dave's are doing great. 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](mailto:dkmatos@mindspring.com)

Catherine's Mom is still in a part of their 'five year mission to boldly' move back to Georgia. Dad Moseley purchased a Jackson Hewitt ('cause you work hard for your money') franchise and is keeping busy with his tax and financial planning business. They have an e-mail address too: [WRMoseley@msn.com](mailto:WRMoseley@msn.com)

I guess that is about it, thanks to the internet, we are able to keep up with people inexpensively (Dave likes) and often. Pictures of the house, the children, and various other things are at our websites. If you have e-mail, please drop us a note:

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Hopefully we will see everyone soon. Please keep in touch and have a happy holiday season. Don't loot too much and we hope the Y2K bug doesn't bite you too hard. Our phone number is (770) 434 - 1837 and please remember you're welcome to come by any time (really!). We love and miss everyone.

Dave, Catherine, **Loki** &  
**Freya**