

CHRISTMAS
1993

Dear Family and Friends:

With love in our hearts we say to you:

MERRY CHRISTMAS, with all its true meaning, and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR in 1994, with wonderful blessings in store
for each of you!

We appreciated with all our hearts your beautiful cards and messages at Christmas time last year. They brought you so close to us, which made us so very happy. It was so good hearing about you, your families, your activities, and especially to know how you are. To those of you who have been sick, we pray that you are much better now. How we would love to see each one of you! Memories are so precious, aren't they!

We have kept busy during 1993. We are still working in the Chicago Temple of our church, which we dearly love. Our health has been fairly good, for which we are thankful. We have been saddened by the death of two of our aunts, (Ralph's side of the family) in Ogden, Utah. We will surely miss them. We didn't get to see them very often, but we thought of them so much.

We had two lovely trips this past August and October -- one to visit temples in San Diego, Las Vegas, St. George and Manti (Utah) and to see relatives in Ogden; the other trip (Helena with her niece, Maxine), to visit relatives in St. George & Hurricane, Utah, and also in St. George to visit two long-time friends (Luana Stevens from Laramie, Wyoming and Joan Wright Lee, a missionary from Kanab, Utah, laboring in the Rochelle, Illinois area many years ago). What a wonderful time of being with them and reminiscing. We also saw beautiful and majestic Zion's National Park, Bryce Canyon, Red Canyon, and Kolob Canyon. What beautiful, beautiful works of nature! Their beauty just took our breath away. We also visited relatives in Bountiful, Utah as well as in Ogden. I only had the opportunity to call Ralph's relatives on the telephone, but it was wonderful talking to them.

It is just wonderful being with you this way once again.

We hope that you have an especially lovely Christmas, and that choice blessings of health and strength and happiness will be yours in the New Year!

Our love to you always,
Ralph and Helena
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P.S. We also pray that those awful catastrophies of last year will be over for those who suffered so, and that nothing like that will happen this coming year.