

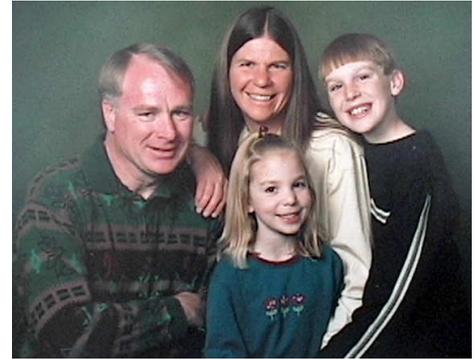


## Seasons Greetings! 1998

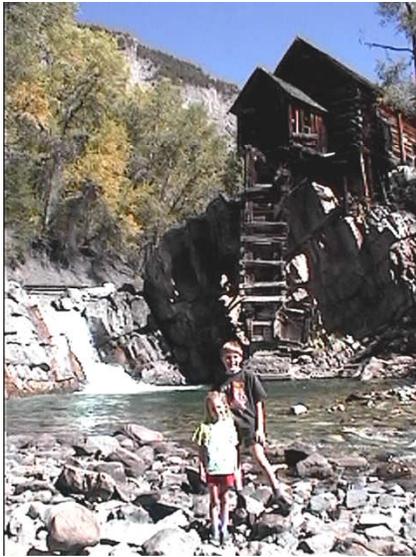
December

As I write, we are finally getting our first real snow this year. The kids had the sleds out first thing this morning before they even ate breakfast! We have had a good and busy year settling into our new home. The kids both learned to ski last winter and are looking forward to this ski season. Bruce and I also had a great time getting back on the slopes and we have been anxiously waiting for the white stuff to arrive.

The year went by quickly. We went to Maui over spring break and had a great time at the beach. In May Trina took the train to Dodge City with friends from Albuquerque for a reunion with a friend on her Oklahoma farm. Several friends and relatives visited us, and Van's best friend from Albuquerque came to stay for a few days. We went camping and took some jeep trips in the nearby mountains. The kids tried their luck at fishing several times, but didn't catch any. Then we headed to Denver to get a dose of city culture.



We also became devotees of the summer Jazz concerts at the local park by the Colorado River. The kids love having their grandparents so close. We all meet at the hot springs pool once a week to play and relax. It is like we live in nature's playground!



Risa is in first grade and loves school. She has a great teacher and is learning a lot. This year she finally got to play soccer after watching her brother for several years. She also started piano lessons a couple of months ago and has been practicing really hard. Risa is a budding photographer. She got a camera for Christmas last year and we probably have the most photographed cat in the country. Her first pictures tended to feature a partial cat, but now she gets the entire cat and gets some cute pictures (like the cat drinking out of the toilet).

Van is in fourth grade and really likes school this year. His teacher is fun, doesn't give homework, and understands boys. They went to Arches Natl. Park on an overnight camping trip this fall. They got to spend lots of time climbing on the rocks as well as learning about them. They will be going to Mesa Verde this spring. Van loves music. He started piano lessons in January and is progressing rapidly. He can pick out songs by ear and add chords to them. He is also in the

school choir.

We planted lots of trees and shrubs around our house including some fruit trees. We got about eight apples total this year! Trina spent most of the summer trying to keep everything watered. We have irrigation water, but we don't have any automated watering in place yet. Trina is planning on planting a bunch more stuff next year too. She still spends lots of time taking care of the horses and some time actually riding them. Bruce spent all his spare time fixing irrigation pipes, digging holes for trees, building fences, and such. He just bought a tractor with a front-end loader and a blade to help us out on our "ranch". He also continues to work on his computer software and has his own web site on the Internet. You can see it at <http://www.objectcentral.com>. There are more pictures of our house there and us, too, on the Bruce Wampler link. You can send us e-mail at [trina@rof.net](mailto:trina@rof.net) and [bruce@objectcentral.com](mailto:bruce@objectcentral.com)



**We hope you can come visit us and see our new place. Have a great 1999!**

Bruce, Trina, Van, and Risa