

Doug & Kerry Marsh  
Jonathan & Katelyn



## CHRISTMAS 2003

Dear family and friends,

Christmas greetings to one and all! We look forward to hearing from you this time of year. Your cards, letters, and photos make Christmas that much more special. Hopefully 2003 has been a good year for you and yours. Here are the Marsh family highlights:

Doug continues with Royal Rangers International, and it is an interesting challenge. A big first for him this year was getting his first guns, going on his first hunting trip, and shooting his first deer. We were all proud of him. The kids did not even mind seeing the picture of him with the poor deer. Katelyn pointed out its "owie" with interest. Doug also continues to hone his skills on the grill and "big green egg," with family and friends suggesting he open up a restaurant on the side. He also bought an ATV this year, which he has dreamed of for years. He loves taking that thing out.

I am going full-time at the Seminary, and enjoying my classes very much, even though I feel overworked! If all goes according to plan, I hope to be graduating next year at this time. I also continue to sing in the church choir. A highlight this year was going to General Council and being able to form part of the Revivaltime Reenactment. It was fun to relive some memories and to see some old college friends.

Jonathan started first grade this year. I heard somewhere that adolescence begins in fifth grade, and that is a scary thought. That means he only has four more years to be an actual kid! He took swimming lessons and played on a baseball team this year and enjoyed both very much. His favorite thing to do is play outside with the neighbor boys. He loves catching bugs, spiders, frogs, and lizards and putting them in every available container. Katelyn gets in on the act and catches frogs "for Jonathan," to give him when he comes home from school.



Katelyn had a big first this year—preschool! She went to preschool Tuesdays and Thursdays while Mommy attended class. It is hard to believe our baby is so grown up and long legged. She stays busy with church activities and was in a bell choir this fall. She also took swimming lessons in the summer and got over her fear of getting her face wet. Some favorites are riding her Big Wheel, swinging, and riding on the ATV with Daddy—fast. She has also decided that she is going to marry a little boy from church. His mom and I have talked it over and we are OK with that, so we have the whole arranged marriage thing in the works. Kids make life fun.

Christmas blessings on you and your family!