

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
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to  
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES EVERYWHERE

We welcome this opportunity to share with you the joys of the Christmas season. This is the wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. It is also a great time to renew relationships and assure you that you are important to us.

Our hearts must rise in praise to the Heavenly Father for all His blessings of the past and the promises of His care in the future. Surely, God is good. We are especially thankful for our four children. That is why our greeting card this year contains their picture. Some of you will remember the first time they were pictured on a Christmas card. It was in 1961, and all four were seated on a rickshaw while we were stationed on Taiwan. From left to right on the enclosed card is Carey, whose wife's name is Holly. Since they are missionaries to Belgium with Greater Europe Mission, they retain our home as their official address: 8270 Denver Street; Ventura, CA 93004. Then comes Meilynn Smith, who is married to Stephen Smith, a computer engineer. They have two handsome sons: Josh, nearly thirteen; and Jeremy, eleven. They are active in a Conservative Baptist church where Steve is chairman of the deacon board. Meilynn teaches in the Christian school where the boys attend. They live at 611 Upper Navarra Drive; Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Next is Lennart. He is married to Jill, who is busy completing her master's degree. They met while both were missionaries in Europe. Len now works in computers and was sent to China a year ago to demonstrate computers to the staffs of Chinese universities. While there, he was hosted by Chinese Christians who knew his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. They are very active in a conservative Presbyterian church and Len teaches a Bible class in the office where he is employed. They live at 706 Clara Drive; Palo Alto, CA 94303. Carolyn Whitman, our younger daughter, is married to David Whitman. He manages an oil repair facility. They have three lovely children: Krysta, nearing seven; Davie, five; and Nickie, one year old. Their home is at 465 Burnham Street; Oakview, CA 93022.

Doris is working as a triage nurse for the out-patient clinic of Ventura County Medical Center. Bernard is still involved in public school education. Doris returned home to Gothenburg, Sweden, last spring to celebrate her father's 90th birthday. Both he and her mother, at 87, are doing fine and are still quite active in mission-related activities.

Yes, Christmas is a joyful time of the year. It is now that we celebrate the remarkable event that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. May this, the greatest of all blessings, be yours this Christmas season.

With our sincere love,

*Doris's Bud*  
Doris & Bernard Holmquist

