

Dear Family and Friends,

The days are getter shorter and shorter and before we know it darkness covers the sky. Thus far there is no sign of a white Christmas over here. I light my candles indoors and enjoy to remember family and friends across the world.

This has been a good year - even if it was less eventful that last year with the trip to China, the Chinese Nobel prize in literature etc. This summer Margie came to visit together with her friend Gary and his daughter Jill. Then her grandkids Michael and Toby came from Denver to share some good times with my grandkids, especially with their agemates Pascal and Noel, both 12 years old. It's when you see the grankids grow that you realize the passing of time. My oldest grandchild,

Olivia, is now 15 and the youngest one, Clara, is 9. While Margie was here we also had a reunion with some of our China travelers.

Quite some time was spent on co-editing a book on the early development of nursing research in Sweden. This will be at last be published by the end of February 2014. It has quite a few pictures documenting the development, but sorry to say it is all in Swedish.

I have been involved in Church as usual and in some small activities at the Senior University here in Uppsala.

My family is well and happy and so am I. In the Fall I had my second pace-maker implanted and am doing fine.

I hope this reaches you in good health and that you will come by Sweden sometime during the coming year!! With love, Alice

## Wishing YOU a Merry Christmas and

