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Dear Phillip & Joyce,

Got your Christmas Letter. Enjoyed reading about your missionary experiences. Have also enjoyed your articles that have appeared in a couple of Church Sections. Seems like you are having great success directing the missionaries.

Since the Ancestral File has been made available to the public in the various libraries, I have received a couple of inquiries from some of our non-member cousins (one is the Buhlers in Oregon which never responded to your "book" request). They come through the WERRENS (and SCHWEINGRUBERS, making them our 8th cousin 2 x removed. I have never found a living relative that was our 8th cousin. So I am still enjoying the excitement of finding a cousin here and there. I have done most of the inputting of information my mother left me, now I will concentrate on searching for names in your book to see if I have them all on the computer. It will be quite a project and I hope I can complete it before I leave this life.

Neva and I are still engaged in both the Stake and Ward Family History Program. Our Stake Presidency are changing their views a little and now have a plan to get all the Melchizedek Priesthood involved in doing some Family History Projects. Both the Elders and High Priests are forming committees that will function to get things started. I get more excited each day about the programs of the Church, especially when they involve computers as a tool to get everything organized.

Our family keeps us busy with their changes. Pam recently had our 33rd grandchild. Our first Grandson has been released from his mission and will attend the Y in the Fall. Our son Stephen is in Germany and hopefully will retire before they ship him to Iraq.

Winter is finally settling in. We had a little snow last night - not what they predicted - but every bit helps. The temperature will be almost freezing the next two or three days. Guess you find the weather there a little different. When we were in Louisiana it rained most of the time. We were only passing through so I suppose the sun can get hot during the summer months.

We continually pray for your missionary efforts. There are lots of challenges in doing missionary work right now but I know you both are capable to meet every one. May you enjoy the holidays and be happy with the New Year to come.

Love