

Dear Wesley & Irene,

1/8/96

It was nice to get your Christmas letters. I sent most of the message on the other sheet to family and friends on my email distribution list the day after Christmas.

Robin is in his junior year at the University, and Mischa is a junior in high school, but has also "started" at the University, as mentioned in my Christmas letter. The calculus class gives him "special student" status at the University, and he gets college credit for it. He also gets access to the Internet as a University student. He continues to be a straight "A" student, and we appreciate the help and motivation he gives to Ian as he struggles through 7th grade.

I have had access to the Internet through my job, but not to the World Wide Web part of it. Mischa has access to the WWW through the Macintosh computer at his mom's house, and we will have access to it soon after Barb activates her University faculty status (which results from instruction of physical therapy interns where she works at the Central Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled) and picks up the needed software from the University. I have just installed a 14.4 speed modem on our 486 computer along with the 1 gigabyte second hard drive which I gave the family for Christmas. I look forward to seeing the Web Page which has just been started for our church and the Web Page which has been started for James by Rita's son. The Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (where I work) is also starting one. We already have a "gopher" site to which I have contributed.

I did not take any trips last summer except the trip to Minneapolis for the funeral of Warren's son, Jonathan. Barb has traveled to Syracuse with Casey or Ian to see her mother and stepfather, who have been having health problems, but she has been flying. She doesn't like to drive that far in her little Geo if she has to do all the driving, and she has wanted to make several short trips to monitor her mother's condition rather than a longer summer vacation trip. We are presently planning to drive to the 1996 family reunion in New Brunswick (and Nova Scotia) however, and would like to see you on the way. It will probably be some time in July.

You also asked about James. He is doing fine. His checkups continue to show no recurrence of his colon cancer.

I was wondering, Wesley, whether you have done further work using Family Tree Maker for the Leonard family? I included the file you gave me several years ago when I started a FTM file for the Park family, but it does not have a correct date for the wedding of your parents and has nothing listed for your father's parents or siblings. I would be interested in getting any additional information which has become available, or an updated Family Tree Maker file, before our next Park family reunion. (I can copy from a 5-1/4" disk to a 3.5" disk on my computer at work.) We always update the Park family tree for our 5-year reunions, and I thought we might also make family tree charts for the Leonard and Marshman family lines available for our 1996 reunion at Betty's place.

Best wishes for the new year,

Robert