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Hello Art and Kathryn,

Yes, all is well down here. We hope the same for you. Reading about the snow and traffic problems in Ohio and Indiana this morning reminds me of the trips we used to make to Wisconsin for the holidays – either down from Silver Bay or up from Tennessee. I sure don't miss the "lake effect" snowstorms we used to run into. However, we did have a brief flurry here a few days ago, and it has been cold.... down into the 20's sometimes.

Joyce and I are starting to think a little about retirement but it is still a "... someday when we retire....." kind of thing. We even went so far as to visit a few retirement communities in South Carolina during the past year, but have made no decisions regarding where to spend our golden years. I'm not in a hurry. I'm still working for Voith Siemens and our 8-year project to automate TVA's twenty-nine Hydro Power plants will finish early next year. Voith (headquartered in Pennsylvania) has stated their intent to keep the office open down here and make it the support center for all Voith automation projects existing or new. So I guess we'll just see how it all plays out. Most of the work is still quite enjoyable and challenging. And, I'm still learning new things every day.

It has been slightly over three years since we moved down to Alpharetta from Tennessee, and finally feels like home to me. Not Joyce though. She hates the traffic! My commute is short however, so in general, fighting traffic is just an occasional problem.

Joyce does make the 2-1/2 hr trip east on I-85 to Greenville, SC pretty frequently to visit daughter Lori's family. Both Dave's and Lori's families were here last weekend for our family Christmas celebration. David and his wife Linda and their 1-year-old from Charlotte, and Lori, Todd and their two (3 and 1 yr) boys from Greenville, SC. (The enclosed photo however was taken back in October.) We had a full house on that one. Actually Dave's family took a room at a nearby hotel so they would not have to sleep on the floor. Oh, I forgot, Dave brought their dog also, and he DID stay with us.

Seasons Greetings and may God's rich blessings be yours in the coming year.

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