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Here it is, one week until Christmas and we're just starting our Christmas letter! We would have liked to get this out sooner, but our Lord works in mysterious ways and had us hold back a bit before this year's letter was written. The reason for the set back is that we were awaiting word on a position that I had applied for back in November. That's right, we're moving AGAIN! We are to report to the Fish and Wildlife Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in February. I will be working as a Maintenance Specialist Program Analyst for the Wildlife Refuge System. Connie has also received word that she has made the selection list for two Secretarial positions also at the Headquarters Building. Please keep us in your prayers as we go through another relocation.

This year our family has grown by two more grandsons! William Conner Adalin was born to Sabrina and Randy in July, and Russell Joseph Lanahan Jr. was born to Russ and Robin in August. Seems we can only get grandsons, and the total now stands at six.

Sabrina and Randy have not received word on being sent overseas as of yet. The Ship that Randy is stationed on just returned in August from a long cruise to the Western Pacific, and is now due for an extensive overhaul. The squadron that Sabrina is assigned to specializes in undersea mines so isn't in great demand at this time. We thank the Lord that they both are stateside and can spend time with each other and their new son.

Stephanie has decided to stay here in South Texas when Connie and I leave. She really wants to try it on her own so please keep her and her two boys in your prayers.

Russ and Randy are still in Anchorage. We hear from them almost weekly, and they are both working and in good health. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Russ, Robin, and Russ Jr. did fly down and spend Thanksgiving with us this year. Sabrina and Randy also came down, and with Stephanie and her boys already here, you could only imagine the noise that shook these walls!

I continue to ride my Harley, and have taken quite a few trips this past year. I was able to take one to Sturgis, S.D., one to Peoria, Ill., a couple to Houston, and many trips to Corpus Christi. After I returned from Sturgis I sold my white one and bought a new "Full Dresser" which I've managed to take on a few long trips.

Connie continues to work hard both at work and at home. She has done quite well as the Fire Program Technician and will be greatly missed when we leave. I really enjoy having her around at work, and am glad that we'll still be able to ride to work together when we transfer to Washington.

That pretty much catches you up on the goings on around here. We pray the Lords blessings on you and your family this Holiday Season.