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Hi,

Season's Greeting, to all our family and friends that have become a part of The Mouning's Saga 1993.

This year unfolded for The Mouning's in the following manner: Johnnie and Thelma continue their work at Yale University where they and members of the MB&B Department looked forward to moving into their new facility that was being built and or renovated. This summer the move took place, starting in July and ended in November. Johnnie and Thelma received a nice private office.

Johnnie and Thelma took an exciting trip through parts of the South at the end of winter and the beginning of spring. This was a two week trip where they visited friends and families while seeing parts of our great country.

Their first stop was in the Bronx, New York where they had tea with Drs. Steven and Lisa Wilson Kaminski and enjoyed their son and new baby daughter. They left and drove to Sandy Cove, in northeast, Maryland, where they spent the night, toured the elegant grounds and wonderful Conference Center on Chesapeake Bay.

After eating a healthy breakfast the next morning they continued their travels on Route 13 into Wollops Island, VA. to NASA Visitor Space Flight Center. Then to Chincoteague Island, on to the National Wild Life Refuge, over the bridge to Assateague Island, where the wild ponies are, and the Virigina State bird, The Mosquito live.

From there they drove over and through the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to Virigina Beach. They toured CBN Christian Broadcasting Network and had front row seats on the 700 Club. They met Pat Robinson and Ben Kenslow. After the TV broadcast Johnnie and Thelma dined with Crown Prince Francois Ayi, a "King" and his wife from Togo, Africa.

Leaving Norfolk, VA. they took Route 158 down through the Outer Banks, of North Carolina, stopping at Kitty Hawk, at the Wright Brothers Memorial, to Nags Head, and Cape Hatteras and on to Route 264 through Belhaven into Greenville, NC. where home is (or their birthplaces.) They spent two days visiting family and friends. Thelma's aunt Girlene Hardy was hospitalized in a coma, did not seem to recognize them but they prayed together and a few days later she passed.

On the road again: first to Chapel Hill where they had brunch with Drs. Homma and Lorena Beese Hellinga. Sunday dinner was spent in High Point, NC. with a dear friend Mrs. Mary Council and family; from there to Charlotte, NC. where they spent the night with other friends,

Mr. and Dr. Steve and Peggy Geiger and son Brian. The next morning they stopped at the former PTL that Jim and Tammy Baker built. Not much life there any more, it had a sad look. Then on to Darlington, SC. where they enjoyed the company of more friends, Deacon and Mrs. Robert Rhodes.

Johnnie and Thelma continue their trip to Myrtle Beach, SC. where they spent the night and enjoyed the delicious food at the Murrells Inlet. The next day they had the beautiful sandy beach all to themselves, only one other person swimming. They browsed and shopped for souvenirs a good part of the day; visited the lovely Brookgreen Gardens; drove to Columbia, SC. where they spent the night with Deacon and Mrs. Charles Bryant and family. (The Bryant's moved from New Haven, CT. a few years ago.) Johnnie and Thelma were treated royally at each home they visited.

They drove to the Queen City of the South Atlanta, GA. where they spent three days, visiting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthplace, Memorial site, Coca Cola Visiting Center and many other national historic sites. They had a nice visit with Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Long, former members of Christ Chapel, in New Haven CT.

Leaving Atlanta, they drove to Asheville, NC. where they visited the Rev. Billy Graham's Headquarters. It's a large center at the base of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. They took the Blue Ridge Parkway up to Lynchburg, VA. There they visited the famous Thomas Road Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Jerry Falwell. Johnnie and Thelma spent the night in the Shenandoah Valley, south of Front Royal VA. The next day they drove around Washington, DC. up 95 back into Connecticut. The trip is highly recommended by the Mounings.

Spring is the time they look forward to, preparing the vegetable garden to be planted, working around the flowers, observing the fruit trees blossom, and leaves shooting out all over the place. Summer came and they had two celebrations the same day, Father's Day and Greg's birthday. The Mounings dined out and had a family portrait made. (see enclosures.)

Johnnie and Thelma have only one grandchild, Marcus who turned eight in July. He is full of energy and loves to work with grandpa helping with chores around the house to earn his own money. Marcus is well protected on both sides by his grand parents. He is now in the third grade and doing very well; loves to play hockey at Yale! Linda is seated behind Thelma and Jeffrey is standing behind Linda. They are the proud parents of Marcus, and on August 30, 1993, they purchased a beautiful home, just up the road from mom and papa, in Branford, CT.

Seated behind Marcus is Rose and standing behind her in the black coat is Kenneth and they belong to each other. Ken and Rose built a beautiful home in Bloomfield, CT. and moved in on October 2, 1993.

Gregory standing in front of Ken in the gray coat is still at home and Yale. He commutes to New York on weekends performing off-Broadway, and is looking forward to being on Broadway. Greg loves acting and teaching "Basic Computing" at Yale.

Marvin, son number one is standing behind Johnnie in the white coat. He enjoys his work at Whitney Manor. He cooked a delicious eighteen pound. turkey Johnnie and Thelma grew for Thanksgiving dinner. Johnnie and Thelma are hosting Christmas dinner this year and Marvin

will be helping with the baking.

Johnnie and Thelma's thirty-sixth anniversary unfolded with them in the Pocono, The honeymoon Capital of the world . They spent three days at Caesar's Palace; it was a time of rest and relaxation for them. They enjoyed the comfort of breakfast in bed, dinner with newlyweds and recreation and activity of all kinds.

Leaving the Poconos they headed to Teen Challenge, is a rehabilitative process center for men in Rehrersburg, PA. They toured the facilities, and spent the night in Reading, PA. They travelled to Lancaster County to visit the Amish and Dutch farm land, and returned home on Labor Day and for a family cook out.

In November Johnnie and Thelma had a delightful 12-day visit from a friend Prof. Jose M. Delfino from Buenos Aires, Argentine. He did some short experiments at the lab and completed a project.

After Thanksgiving Thelma's cousin, Rev. Eather Lofton passed away in Baltimore; so they were on the road again. After the funeral they went to North Carolina to visit Thelma's aunt Mrs. Iris Coburn, who was not feeling well. They spent a couple of days there with family and friends and enjoying the weather.

The Mounings are thankful for the love and prayers of their Pastor and parish family. It has been a banner year for them with the blessings of God, good health and family and friends like you that care. May you have a Happy Holiday and a blisshed year for you and your family.

Best Regards

The Mounings