

December 1995

Dear Family and Friends,

The years are passing by so fast these days, that it is hard to keep up with everything. I read some place that " God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things right now I'm so far behind I will never die". Well if that is the case let us stay busy and accomplish the things of God. Many changes are taking place in our MB&B Department at Yale. Renovation, Labs shrinking, PI's leaving and arriving makes us know that time is not as long as it has been. We can see other things on the news and read other things in the Newspaper, now that the O. J. Simpson trial is over in October 1995.

This year began with excitement for us our 4<sup>th</sup> son Ken and Rose his wife, expecting their first born. Kenneth Jr. arrived early January 14, 1995, with all his finger and toes bright eyes a bundle of joy. It took us awhile to get use to the idea that we were grandparents again. We have enjoyed him a lot, but his parents are elated about their new arrival. They are enjoying the usual things as new parents. Getting a babysitter, having baby showers and buying all those new things for Kenneth Jr. dedication ceremony. We are thankful for the new life in our family.

Jeff our 3<sup>rd</sup> son and Linda his wife are enjoying their first son and our first grandson Marcus now 10 years old. In the fifth grade, playing soccer, basketball and hockey his favorite sport. He is very helpful to us around the house, cleaning the garden, gutters, raking leaves, putting up and taking down Christmas lights and stacking wood in the basement for the winter.

Gregory our 2<sup>nd</sup> son is enjoying himself, with his acting. He travels from school to school sharing about the race problems pass and present. He still works at Yale University, and visits his friends. Greg. was excited and proud to take part in the million man march in Washington, on October 16, 1995 without one out of order notable incident. Greg spent Thanksgiving in Florida with a friend and at Disedy World.

Marvin our 1<sup>st</sup> son is still cooking and baking for the infirm, he works for and seems to be delighted in helping to make a difference in other lives. Marvin has been out of the military for six years and adjusted very well to civilian life.

Thelma and I attended a international women's conference in Washington D.C. in May. From there we went to North Carolina, to see Thelma's aunt Iris and family. Thelma was taken ill in Washington and by the time we return home she went right into the hospital. This was the beginning of eight weeks of continuous pain. It was finally diagnosed that she had a floating fragment disk, that floats in and out of place pressing against a nerve. July she was back at work and glad to be out of the house and out of pain. We remember the statement "no pain no gain" if that is ture she has gain a lot.

Our 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary was spent with our immediate family, The Moore's and Miss. DeEtta Wright at a lovely restaurant in New Haven. There we reminisced over the last 37

anniversaries. We wrote a summary of each anniversary where we had been and what we had done, the boys took part in sharing in the recorded events. Our annual trip took us to a lovely resort, Shawnee on the Delaware where we enjoyed three nice days. From there to New Hope, PA up to Princeton University. This was a wonderful experience for us, since we know so many people of higher learning from there. We toured the campus and had our first full Italian formal dinner. We brought many fond memories home with us.

We enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at Jeff, Linda and Marcus home. They prepared and served a meal fit for Kings and Queens. We are expecting to celebrate Christmas dinner at Ken & Rose with little Kenneth Jr.

From all of us to all of you have a Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year

Love for a lifetime

Johnnie & Thelma Mouning