



*Happy Holidays from the McGee family. I can hardly believe the year is almost over and we will be into 1999. The Lord has blessed us so much within the past year and we would like to take some time to reflect on those blessings.*

*The year began with us four months pregnant after trying almost a year to conceive. We were so happy to welcome Aaron Nolan McGee on May 1, 1998 as the newest McGee member. He has grown so quickly in the seven short months that have followed. He is sitting, crawling, babbling and even has two teeth. He has such a happy disposition and has made an easy transition into our daily routine. We are looking forward to all that God has planned for us with him.*

*We spent the first few months looking into private school options for Nicole and praying for God's direction in this area. After applications, recommendation letters and interview processes, we finally received notification in April that Nicole had been accepted into Fort Bend Baptist Academy only to find out that they did not have any openings. We continued to pray about if she should continue her public school or if we should look at other private school options when we received notification that an opening had developed and she would be able to start the year at FBBA. We were so excited that she would have the opportunity to learn in an environment more in line with our beliefs and peers who were also Christians. Since school started, she has really made a fantastic transition. She has formed many new friendships and has done well in her classes. I can't believe eleven years have passed since the day I brought my beautiful firstborn daughter home with me.*

*I think that we must have Goliath in our midst because Adam has not stopped growing! He is off the growth charts and we recently measured him again only to find out he's grown another inch in the last few months. I'll be lucky to keep him in clothes if he keeps it up. We had a few struggles with obedience issues over the last few months but it finally seems like we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. He really seems to understand a lot more now and is making much better choices. Not to say we don't have our DAYS! But God is sufficient in that my patience level has reached new heights. Adam loves basketball and never misses an opportunity to "fly like Michael Jordan". He is always practicing and is becoming quite talented with shooting and dribbling. Dad is now teaching him to pass. He is in Awana Cubbies at church and we are amazed at how many scripture verses he has been able to memorize at the wee age of three. What a joy to see our preschooler hiding God's word in his heart.*

*Stacey is 23 now (how did that happen?) and has been out on her own for almost two years. Stacey and Kevin will be getting married January 9, 1999 and they have been busy making all of the arrangements. We were very honored when she asked Don to give her away. She has a job with CPS and was able to get a new Saturn this year. We are so excited to see her out on her own and becoming such a sweet young woman. We are so blessed to have her as part of our family. We were not exactly equipped to raise a "teenager" at the time God blessed us with her, but somehow we muddled through and we are just proud to be a part of her life.*

*Don and I have been so thankful for all the Lord has provided us with during the last year. We knew with Aaron coming that we had outgrown our Grand Am. The Tracer died in January so we were on a quest for a minivan. Several times we thought we had found one that would work, but the Lord really protected us from making a poor decision by closing some doors. But he never closes one door without opening another one and we finally found a minivan and knew immediately it was the right decision because everything went so smoothly. What a blessing it has been to actually have room to fit our growing family into one vehicle comfortably. We were in a dilemma in April trying to figure how we were going to absorb the cost of a wedding, private school tuition and a new van payment. But God has continued to bless Don in his position at work and we also received an unexpected check in the mail and everything worked out. Don even received a fantastic promotion last week! As for me, I'm just trying to work off the pregnancy weight and have quite a way to go. I'm adjusting to being a mommy of three and the new demands that have been placed on our daily routine. My first shopping trip was an adventure! But I think it is finally coming together. Don was the director in our Bible Study class this year and the Lord used this*

*time in leadership to challenge and mature us. As the year comes to a close, we look forward to everything that God has in store for us for 1999. Most of all, we give praise and thanks to God for all that he has done in our family and the incredible blessings he has bestowed upon us this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we enter this new year!!*

*Don, Connie, Nicole, Adam and Aaron McGee*