



GREETINGS FROM BOLINGBROOK...

PART 8

Can you believe that another year has come and gone? It seems that each year gets shorter and shorter but even though this year has been busy it has been wonderful. We couldn't get very far in this letter without sharing the news that we are expecting our first child in February. This is something we have prayed for and looked forward to for some time, and we are excited about his or her arrival. As you can guess, we don't yet know if it is a boy or a girl, but we have already determined that it will be intelligent, athletic, and good-looking. Seriously, we have been praising God for this gift, and we are enjoying preparing for parenthood. We aren't completely decided on a name yet, but we've ruled out at least 300 names so far. We've also ruled out a number of themes for the nursery, among them are Robots, Ninjas, and CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. We're going to go with something a little more traditional.

Besides that, life has been busy for both of us. Jill is still teaching at Fenton High School and preparing for her maternity leave. She will teach up until the delivery, take some time off, and come back to finish the year with just her AP Chemistry class. She has also been coaching Scholastic Bowl and continues to work with the high school students from our church. She has kept going despite being pregnant, and other than having trouble bending over lately, hasn't slowed down. However, she has pulled into the lead for the biggest belly in the house. Even so, it is only recently that she has started to look pregnant. She enjoys reading about the baby's development. Not too long ago she read that the baby would start to react to loud noises. We were in church worshipping with our youth band, which definitely fits into the category of loud noises, and the baby started doing somersaults inside her. Our child already shows a tendency to be a high-energy kid. Despite keeping up with the baby, she still manages to find time to take care of herself and the home.

Phil has also been busy much of this year. He graduated with his Master's Degree last June and has no plans of ever learning anything again. In addition to going to doctor

