

My dear friends:

It has been a year of ups and downs, as most years tend to be. My health has taken a turn for the worse with kidney problems, another toe amputated, and in general, do not feel up to a lot of things. I try to keep going for the sake of those I love and who love me, but it is getting increasingly difficult to do

Carlos lost his job in February, so it has cut our travels down a bit, giving us both a chance to appreciate everything we have here. We spent a few long weekends this year in Ft. Lauderdale, which is always relaxing to us. He began a new job a few months later, and enjoys it. He still works with the kids in school, educating them and the parents in educational software. That is his calling, and he is a fantastic mentor to these people.

Georgia still continues with the TSA as a passenger security agent, and aside from it being a bit taxing physically, she doesn't have the stress she had as a credit manager. She and Carlos get along so very well, but then, they are both wonderful people, so why wouldn't they?

Scott is still in Bakersfield, doing well with his company that sells Cutco knives, and surely you will remember when I used to say, "well Scott will be 6 this year, Katie will be 4"...That's all behind us...Scott will be 26 in March, and Katie just turned 24 this month. She and her husband, Lelan, and their daughter Kristina are remarkably happy, and I get a chance to see them often. We seem to get closer as each day progresses.

My mom and Art are doing well, they take their little trips in the motor home a few times a year, and provide me the comfort and security I find I need. They are wonderful people, wonderful friends.

A short letter this year...but sincere as they always are, filled with love and warmth from my heart to yours.

*Michael*

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