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Dear All,

Happy Holiday to you all. This year found the Reeses busy and active. First off, on Jan. 17, Michele Natasha came into our world and has since provided us with joy and work. Upon her birth her father caught a cold and was useless to her mother. Her grandmother from Jamaica came to visit and held the house together. It managed to snow in Houston while grandma was here and both she and Michele were able to experience it for the first time. Michele seems to have developed very rapidly over the year. She now walks around the house and lawns, babbles, plays with her toys with great enthusiasm, imitates her mother's laugh and is developing a distinct personality.

Michele has been an excuse for all our trips this year. At Easter we drove to Springfield, Missouri to visit great grandma. We enjoyed the early spring weather and visiting relatives. In June we went to Jamaica for two weeks to visit more relatives. We also rented a car and drove around the island from Kingston to Montego Bay. In Montego Bay we stayed at a Convent and Michele had more baby sitters than she knew what to do with. Dad enjoys going to Jamaica very much and is always willing to visit. In September Michele also visited her family in California. She saw her grandpa's house on the hill with his fruit trees and plants, and also the freeways of L.A.

Michele's mum has been primarily occupied with her, both with frustration and joy. Everyday mother and daughter tour the neighbourhood to explore and exercise. Also, mother has been involved with entertaining foreign guests through the University of Houston's Host program. A student from Mexico has been a frequent visitor, and recently we met a Nigerian student and his family. Hopefully we have been able to make them feel a little more at ease in this confusing country.

Michele's father has been up to his normal tricks. He is still with Shell's computer organization and is involved in showing how the computer can be applied in various manufacturing, distribution, and marketing areas. He has been able to visit some of the refineries and other sites and see how the company functions. Father has also been teaching at night in the Houston Community College. Using the local high school facilities he teaches College Algebra and other math subjects. This has been rewarding as well as involving him in community affairs.

This year has been good to us and we hope the same for you. If you find yourself around Houston way stop in and say hello. We hope the next year will be happy and prosperous for you.

The Reeses,