

# Wattman Family — 2002



The month of January started out with a new job, two funerals, and a wedding. I used a variety of get-out-of-work benefits this year because in March I “gracefully” fell on the ice while stepping into my car. (There was **NO** glory in that, like in a game-point, match-point save in volleyball.) Tearing ligaments and fracturing bone, I had subsequent knee surgery in April, replacing the ligament. My first adventure with crutches!

After 18 years of hospital nursing, I have moved to a clinic three days a week. I’m in the same specialty of OB/GYN. It is such a different environment — I still feel I am adjusting 12 months later. I thought I would still put in a few hours per month delivering babies at the hospital, but I have only gone back to teach classes occasionally. Working through the summer with the girls home from school was hard on me. Ah, the adventure of juggling childcare coverage.

Colorado beckoned twice this year. My baby brother was married, (really missed my dad’s presence for that milestone), and then again for a family reunion. Ah, the mountains, the beauty, the altitude (puff, puff)!

The month of December ends with lots of chauffeuring, set routines, the ability to run again. — Judy



Our family portrait, taken at Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA camp in Colorado (near Estes Park, elevation 8,750’), site of the 2002 Coenen family reunion



**IT FINALLY SNOWED!!!!** This has been a very fun year. I have grown in my relationship with Jesus very much and am working on many people at school to become His followers. Jesus and I are like tight buds now!!

My piano career is growing by the year: this year I am taking jazz piano. The highlight of this was that I got to play with professional musicians, and I got to improvise with them. At school I was the piano accompanist for our choir and we just performed our last show of the season. It was a very good experience.

I really enjoy school this year: I have a humorous team of teachers and lots of great friends. Among my best friends is my sister Anna, my best friend of them all. We do everything together and our activities are very numerous! Anna and I like to play outside the best; imaginary games are our specialty. Sleeping over at Gramma’s house is magic to us too, and we have many memories there.

We have recently taken on the responsibility of babysitting ourselves and we earn money for that as well. I love to cook, and this year I’m making dinner for the family every Friday.

This Christmas I pray that your family will share the real meaning of Jesus together, and that you will be blessed with many happy friends and family reunions. Oh yeah, I am 12 and in the seventh grade. :-) God Bless!! — Elise



I’m in fourth grade on the Amigo team at Normandale Hills Elementary School this year, and I am 10 years old. My sister and I love to play outside and we always pretend that we are on a farm. We have a rat named Daisy. My favorite food is frozen peas, and my sister’s favorite food is watermelon. I have grown through the years and it has been very fun. I have had 7 birthday celebrations these two years. This year

I had friends over, then a family party, and then we celebrated with my cousins when we went out for dinner at the Spaghetti Factory and the Holidayz Parade.

It finally snowed and we really like it a lot, but there’s not enough to go skiing or make a snowman. We have a really big Christmas tree this year. My sister and I share a bedroom so we can have a craft room for play and study.

I have lots of friends but there is one that I like the best. My sister. My mommy jokes a lot and my daddy is really funny, too. My friend Lisa from down the street got engaged and might move out to

Colorado. My family and I love to read. I love to play the piano and the organ and the electric piano. — Anna

After months of searching during summer 2001, I’m rejoicing in my work and ministry as Director of Communications and Publications for Faith Studies International. We are a small organization in Chaska, presenting objective evidence for the Christian faith through events and publications.



We have moved into new offices, and have begun an exciting expansion plan — the economy notwithstanding — called “Extending the Vision.”

I’m challenged by the work, and blessed by the impact we are able to have for God’s kingdom. I was particularly thrilled with the response to a little booklet we put together called “Unwrapping the Truth about Christmas.” It presents a quick look at some of the evidence for the Christmas story. *It was so popular we had to reprint it after only three days.*



Our trips to Colorado were highlights. We thrilled on horseback rides into the alpine backcountry. It was the girls’ first experience with horses, and they loved it! We also got up in the middle of the night to watch meteors. There is something about being together in the mountains that magnifies the blessings of family time.

At church I’m taking a break from doing announcements; on a committee to rewrite the organizational documents; and in a men’s discipleship program, using the Navigators’ 2:7 curriculum; and the communication liaison for our small group.

From all of us, we send our prayers for a Merry Christmas and many blessings in a Happy New Year! — Rick