

July 2nd Doris, Lois, and Isaac flew to Alaska to visit the Claytons. Lois was really excited to meet Sarah and Leah, the new brides that had joined the family in 2000, and to meet little Nathaniel that was born in May. We also got to watch Leah as she suffered through her pregnancy, which resulted in a cute little girl before Thanksgiving. They had much to be thankful for this year as it was a hard pregnancy. Now they have two little cousins to watch growing up together. After two weeks of fun in Alaska, and home to Washington to do laundry, Dennis and Jan picked up the gang to go to a Sundstrom wedding in Oregon. There we got to see all the Sundstroms and have a great time visiting. Weddings are always such fun occasions. At the end of July, Isaac and Lois flew back to Hawaii and Stacia came home from Larissa and Sam's in August. School started up again and we had two renters from Mainland China and two from Hong Kong. We certainly have enjoyed sampling Chinese food lately. In September Don and Lois flew to Maui for Rachel and Jim Hawver's wedding. It was fun for Lois to be with Don on a trip without kids. It was the first time in decades that that had happened. We thought we should do the other islands without kids also. It was great that Don had been there with Debate and knew his way around.

Fall Semester was kind of a stressful and busy one for the family. Don was teaching an overload of classes, and running the Computer Science department almost alone, and trying to find new faculty so that he wouldn't go crazy in Winter semester, meanwhile trying to keep the students on track and get them graduated. It seemed like we were all holding our breaths just waiting for the semester to end. Lois took an art class and had an enjoyable time, although it was very hard for her. But with much work, her skills are improved, and that was the whole goal.

Now with the holidays upon us, life is good, and we are exhausted. Lois decided to just enjoy the holidays and not worry about so many of the "traditional" things that we've done in the past. We focused on fun things and being together as a family. It was a very good year, but the "Christmas Newsletter" is coming out in 2002. It's okay, now we have more to talk about. We are looking forward to Ben coming home, and perhaps he probably will be home by the time you receive this newsletter. He comes home January 11th, and we are having a big potluck in his honor on the 12th. The 13th he speaks in church. Then we look forward to Daniel getting the rest of his paperwork filled out, submitted, and his call to serve a mission for Jesus Christ. Love, The Coltons

## Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter Christmas 2001 Edition



As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior, we invite all to  
**Come Unto Christ.**

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from the Hawaii Coltons

The year began by adding two more renters to our household bringing the number to four renters. This of course, makes a major life-style change, but it has great rewards also. We get to sample other cultures on a very personal level. This is often humorous, and sometimes frustrating. Debate for Daniel and Stacia was in full swing until April and this year the "Neighbor

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Island Tournament" was on Maui. Don went as judge, chauffeur, and chaperon. Afterwards he made a slide show of all the pictures he took on the trip. You can find it at: <<http://colton.byuh.edu/don/nit2001/clickme.htm>> or off Daniel's or Stacia's web pages. In March, Lois chaperoned Isaac's fourth grade class to Iolani Palace. That was a fun trip in spite of dealing with 20 kids Lois didn't know all, by herself. It seems that some of the volunteers didn't show up and her group ended up without a teacher. ;-) That was a real experience. Lois thinks she pretty much failed in crowd control, but survived the day. During March, Isaac went on the Fourth grade "Big Island" trip that lasted most of a week. Lois stayed home to relax and didn't volunteer as chaperon. Isaac had a great time walking over the lava rocks. It's a great island to study because it has so many different elevations and types of foliage and weather patterns. At the end of the month Lois had a High School friend come and visit that she hadn't seen in almost 30 years. That's one advantage of living in Hawaii. Friends and relatives will often be willing to come and visit you. That sure is better than Massachusetts.

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# Isaac

I had a fine time this year because of all the new games I got and because I know that Ben is going to come back on January 11th. Not as many kids tease me this year at school. They teased me in the past because of my teeth and the way they stick out. I'm going to get braces on January 15th. I think it's going to be cool because there's going to be extremely less kids that are going to tease me.

My favorite subject at school is Math because it's so easy for me. I like getting 100% which I hardly ever get in other subjects.

The movie that I've watched the most and it's my favorite is Josie and the Pussycats. My favorite outside game is hide and go seek because usually I find a good spot and I never get found.

We have three cats named Oreo, Mika, and Cami. Tuna died around August. I was really sad when it happened. I never got it outside my head, so I always remember Tuna. One day I went in the backyard and Tuna's stones that were covering him were gone.

Grandma Clayton came to the island on December 31st. I haven't seen her for what seems like five years, but we both know that it's about five months.

Daniel bought Lords of Magic specifically for me.



## Favorites

- Computer Games:  
1 Lords of Magic  
2 Lords of the Realm  
3 Starcraft  
4 Warcraft  
5 Command & Conquer  
a. Red Alert  
b. Counter Strike  
c. Aftermath  
6 Dungeon Keeper  
a. regular  
b. Gold
- Outside games:  
1. hide & go seek  
2. c&c units
- Wish List:  
1. My own comp.  
2. My own room.  
3. Starcraft Insurrection  
4. Starcraft original



# Stacia

Hola! Everyone. I am excited to write to you guyas again. I enjoy telling you all about me and how my year has gone. This year, as you may have guessed, I am taking Spanish. Although I just started learning Spanish a few weeks ago (thanks to the trimester schedule) I know already how fun it sounds.

So far this year I have gone to and debated in three tournaments (if I counted right?) and won honors in none. I am not discouraged nonetheless, because this actually encourages me to do better. April Kekaula (my debate partner) and I have actually switched speaking positions, so we'll see how well that goes. I am also participating in some speech events as well. Of the few that I have tried (PR, DUO, SPAR, IMP) I like Spar the best. I am not sure if technically it is a Speech event or a Debate event, but it is a Spontaneous Argumentation. I would get a topic (ex. red is better than yellow) get one minute preplaraion] time and then have to give an opening speech, answer questions, and give a concluding speech. Spar is really a ton of fun. I have only done it once and that was at Kamehameha's Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament. Lucky for me I happened to make it to Semi-Finals, then Finals, ending up with 5th place out of at least 28 contestants. I was quite happy. I even broke Daniel's record of 6th place from last year. I hope to get presents from all of you this year (just kidding) but who knows, right? Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hew Year. Chao! P.S. Me llamo Stacia, vivo en Hale, tengo quince anos. Me gusta Christmas.



Songs:  
Pretend to be Nice  
Changes  
Jump, jump, jump

Favorites

- Classes:  
Debate  
History  
Guidance  
Colors:  
Red  
Orange  
Blue
- Things/People to play with:  
Friends  
Computer
- Christmas wants  
rollerblading  
movie: Legally Blonde  
movie: Tomb Raider  
movie: Princess Diaries  
TV and VCR to  
keep in my room

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May 7th through June 18th Grandma Clayton came to stay and with it started another whirlwind session of shopping, sight-seeing, and festivities. The main reason for the visit was Daniel's high school graduation. Graduation in Hawaii is great fun and definitely worth watching. The leis, flowers, candy, and balloons received afterwards are hard to describe. If you have a lot of family in the area you end up with enough leis so you can't see to walk. It is really fun as almost the whole town turns out for the event. We also had birthdays and Daniel was in the play "Guys and Dolls." This made for a very exciting time, going from one activity to the next. After this we went into a round of local weddings, food fests, flea markets, Cub Day Camp, Girls Camp, renters moving in and out, and then Doris, Lois, Stacia, and Isaac flying off-island to the Colton reunion in Utah. There we met up with the Colton clan. I'm not sure about some of them though



as you can see from this photo. They look like creatures from the Black Lagoon instead of the relatives we knew. It was great that all the cousins could get together and have fun. Isaac loved playing in the boats and with the inflatable toys.



Uncle Murray brought his boat down from Idaho and lots of people tried their luck and skills at water skiing. We spent four glorious days at the reunion except for the smelly restrooms, but we survived those also. Cindy made up survival certificates for all of us and Jean

and Larry gave a nice presentation on South Africa. We got to see the extended Coltons, Gene and Rosalie's family, and Bob and Barbara's family. It was great fun to see everyone again. From the Colton reunion Stacia and Larissa drove off to Arizona, and three of us flew to Washington. (continued page 12)

# Don

A lot has happened this year. The big thing was in March, when I learned that both faculty of the BYUH Computer Science department were leaving for jobs elsewhere. As you may recall, I joined BYUH in 1997 as a member of the CS department, and in 1999 I shifted into the rival Information Systems department due to staffing constraints. Now in 2001 I found an opportunity to return to CS. Since "coming back" I have worked to rebuild the department by hiring one additional faculty member, and by strengthening the ties between CS and IS, as we draw from the same pool of students.



Family-wise, we welcomed our first grandchild into the family: Shannon Megumi Colton, daughter of our son Joseph and his wife Akiko. I am now officially a grandpa. Shannon does not like me yet. She much prefers Joseph and Akiko. But we are working on it.

At church, I was released as Ward Mission Leader after roughly two years and eight baptisms, mostly youth. My current calling is Family History Specialist. I am teaching a class on Sundays, or will be when they finalize the student list, and I am heading up a project called "Coming to Late" which will be a collection of stories from Late families telling how they came to be here. I think it will make great reading.

I have continued my involvement with the Kahuku High School Speech and Debate team, frequently acting as a driver, chaperon, and tournament judge. The exposure has helped me view the art of convincing people in a somewhat different light.

Love and Holiday Greetings, Don

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# Daniel

Where was I last Christmas? I suppose I was still in high school (I must have blocked those horrible memories back into my subconscious). What has changed since then? A lot. I graduated from high school, I entered into college (and loving it), got a job to help me earn \$, to grow up a little, and to stay active, aside from school. All these things are great changes in my life. Entering college was great because I finally got to taste the sweet of the educational system in America (as opposed to the bitter state run educational system). Shall I list the benefits of college?



Just a couple, the incredibly flexible schedule, being able to submit homework through email (it's a dream come true), and being able to play around in between classes (no more 15 minute breaks, now they can be 1 hour, 2 hours, as many as I want). High school was great until I learned how cool college was, by comparison high school has dropped in my "great life experiences" category. Moving on, getting the job. This was made possible by being a student. BYUH takes care of it's students. I work as a "stock room clerk" for the BYUH bookstore. In short that means I price the merchandise and place it on the sales floor, and opposed to common belief I would venture to guess that 90% of stores do NOT have the item you are looking for in the back. I understand that sometimes it is, but it shouldn't be surprising to realize that the sales floor of almost any store is larger then the stock room, we cannot carry everything in the back (wish we could satisfy every customer, but sorry). To assist me in all my daily needs I have been blessed with the old family van. One day mom decided it would be prudent to have a much more reliable vehicle then the '85 Dodge Caravan. So she upgraded to some Windstar type van. I have capitalized on this and used the old van as much as possible. Sure it comes with a price (though small) of paying for the gas, at least I don't have to pay for insurance (ouch!).

Life this past year has been great to me. I can't say that I have extraordinary adventures weekly that make my life spicy, but I can say that I almost never have those adventures that make for rainy days. Life is good.

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## Elder Benjamin Colton

Episode XXI

When last we saw the king he was enjoying his time in

Denver, Colorado on the whole, this is the Happest time in his life teaching what makes him happy.

Making a difference in other people's lives

and in general...

"making the world a better place"

Some people wonder why people

like me are sent to everyone,

not just distant countries but

everyone. Well, just visit

with us and we'll tell

you why...



**King:** Good Sir, can you tell me who owns this castle?

**Sir:** No one, why? Who are you?

**King:** I am your king.

**Sir:** I didn't vote for you.

**King:** You don't vote for a king, my Lord called me to be a king. I am going around finding the best men in the world. Are you one of them?

**Sir:** You? You want me to join you? Looks like you've already got a party.

**King:** Ah, this is Carrillo.

**Carrillo:** How do you do?

**King:** Johnson, Wallenberg, Foster, Butcher, Malafiau & Anderson.

**Carrillo:** You remember that one time when we were looking for a fellow to teach and we were lost for a long time? Then we prayed, retraced our steps, and found him just like that? That's what I call being led. Do you think we were led to this man also?

**King:** I don't know. There have been so many great people, like the Montoyas, or the Salyards, or even the Wakefields. I don't know, but I'd say he's good.

**King:** Sir, what is your name?

**Sir:** Matt

**King:** Ok, Matt will you join us?

**Matt:** I will if you can prove to me that you are a king.

**King:** How should I do that?

**Matt:** I don't know, show me some where, written, that you are a king.

**King:** Can I write it?

**Matt:** No.

**King:** There isn't one then, you just have to trust me.

**Matt:** So you can't prove it?

**King:** No, but I know someone who can. My Lord. But I don't think you can meet him right now. He was here about 2000 years ago, but He'll be back soon. If you wait till then to ask it may be too late.

**Matt:** Is this what you've been doing?

Asking people to follow without any proof?

How long have you been doing this?

**King:** About 23 months. There are so many who have found out for themselves. I think

that is the best thing in the world

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## Lois

This year I added the title "Grandma" to my name. Oh, this is a great title. I am

enjoying it and am looking forward to the day when

Shannon doesn't cry when I try to hold her. She sometimes at least smiles at me now.

Last summer several of the family went on extended trips to the mainland. I saw almost everyone I was related to or

Don was related to that wasn't a second cousin and beyond. It was an amazing summer. My mom and Isaac were with me everywhere I went. It was fun taking Isaac to Alaska since he hadn't seen those cousins since he was 1. Does being one count at all? They could remember him, but he couldn't remember them.

I took a Beginning Drawing class during Fall semester at BYUH. I learned a great deal. I'm not as scared at drawing any more. I know I'm not good at drawing, but at least I'll attempt to draw now. I think that's a great improvement. I was surprised at how some of the techniques actually looked nice. Of course, there were other techniques that kept me very humble. I have a long way to go, but that's part of the fun of developing ourselves.

This year I hope to learn a lot of technical stuff with my various cameras and camcorder, and my web pages. I hope to know Adobe Photo Shop a lot more by the end of the year. I hope to be making family movies again and editing them this time. Don has already cleaned up a few of the old ones. I'm planning on putting them on cd's when I figure out how to do it and have the equipment and skills. I need to help preserve these old historical videos of our family. I plan on having my mom come visit for Ben's coming home. I plan on having my mom come visit for Joseph's graduation from College. I plan on traveling to see Larissa and Sam next summer. You can say that I have a lot of plans. We'll see what I can actually accomplish and what my children accomplish.



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Lots of Love,  
**LOIS**

## Larissa & Sam Workman

Hello everyone!

This year has been quite an eventful one. Larissa decided to call it quits on daycare... after about 3 years. She got a job at a company called Health Laboratories of North America in February. She started out as a Telephone Sales Representative and then about 5 months later, moved on to Administrative Assistant to the Director of International Call Center Operations. (She just loves the title, but never gets to use it. :-) She is really enjoying her job. Sam is still working at Allegiance as the Quality Control Specialist. He works hard, but one day hopes to publish a book and start working on his own.



We also added a couple new additions to our kitty family. We have 5 cats now... do you think we are trying to compensate for anything else? :-) Cleo is our biggest boy. He is about 4 years old now. Persee (Pur-see) is about 3 years old and she is still as curious as ever. Kalli is about a year and a half. She is the lover. Methree (Mee-thee) joined us toward the end of July and he is a little prankster. He loves to get into everything and play with everyone. Methree is about 7 months old now. Ditee (Dye-tee) is just over 5 months now. She is trying hard to be a lover like Kalli and a troublesome one like Methree. We love them all very much.

This year has been spent mostly working, although we were able to sneak away to Mexico for a week vacation. It was quite relaxing. It was the first vacation we have been able to take alone. It is always nice to visit family, but it was a nice twist to just have ourselves to entertain us while on vacation.

In the middle of the year, we enjoyed a fabulous visit from Stacia for a month and a half. We really enjoyed getting to know her better. Later, for Thanksgiving, we enjoyed having Danny and LeAnn come to stay with us to celebrate. It is not often that we have family visit... so it is a notable occasion. :-)

In November we celebrated our 4th anniversary. It is amazing how time flies. We have loved every moment of it... or most moments anyways. We are so thankful for the institution of marriage and the closeness and joy it brings.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love, Sam and Larissa Workman

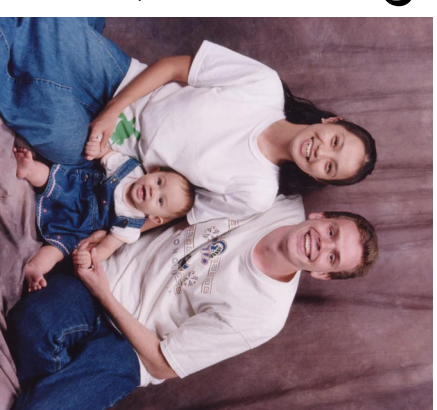
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## Joseph & Akiko Colton

Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu.

Happy New Year!

As you can see from the pictures on this page our family has changed over the last year. My hair looks different, Akiko is more beautiful, and we have our little baby Shannon Megumi Colton.



Shannon was born back on March 20, 2001. Since then we have watched as she went from just laying on the floor and drinking to an active girl who first started rolling, then crawling, and now actively using the bookcases to support herself as she helps us by cleaning off each shelf and dropping the contents on the floor.

Akiko survived Shannon's birth and started to take on the roll of a mother. Akiko spends much of her time organizing the weekly food menus and keeping track of our incoming and outgoing money. We received a 20' x 20' piece of land on the stake farm for use in growing vegetables. Akiko loves taking care of our daikon (a white carrot like radish), giving them to our fellow Japanese students who cannot afford them at the local supermarket, and using them in some of the many recipes she looks up on the Internet and in picture filled cookbooks.

I have been working most of the year. I hope to graduate sometime around Summer. This year I went with my Dad down to the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Programming Contest. That was fun. I have also been learning lots as I try to keep the Computer Science lab running and working well.

Happy New Year.



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