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Hi

It's only November, and we are writing to I wish you a Happy Christmas and a super New Year. This is one whole day earlier than we wrote last year! Then we were telling of unusually high temperatures - but this year it's been pretty normal - hovering around highs of 0 - 5 degC

Sue's Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) course is now well into the third year - only three more exams to go before Christmas, and only three semesters after this! The challenge was high, and has grown. Several shifts have added work load this year - we think it is to make room for the degree they are adding in on top of everything else. Fortunately, Sue had the opportunity to study at Beijing University of TCM and at the Beijing TCM Hospital this last Summer, so she does not have to fit that in to the future. Sue was encouraged to find her knowledge well up to Beijing standards, and enjoyed the experience, despite being sick for part of the trip. Fortunately, TCM fixed her up pretty well!

This is Sue outside the hospital -



and here she is on the Great Wall at Jinsanling -





- and dining in style with the people she went with at Baihai Park.

Our old sail boat sold in the Spring, and the new boat and her enlarged crew had a lot of fun last Summer. This winter she needs a lot more work to complete her overhaul. If it all gets done, future years should be easier - but it may not all get done! Peter is also looking forward to the day when the first publication using his illustrations comes out - it may not be to far into the future now(?)

Wendy had more change this year. Her first apartment was not to her choice, though it held the Wendy, John, and us - just - last Christmas. Her current one is much nicer, and will hold the four of us again this Christmas. This will be the second year we have been away for Christmas since we where married thirty five years ago. However Wendy's big news is that she is thinking of settling down with this guy (PJ) and maybe even having kids. They are moving in to a small but very nice looking house in Montreal where PJ works - we have lots of pictures of the house and none of PJ - though we did meet him last Summer.

John is soldiering on with little apparent change, though he now owns a motorcycle as well as four wheels. He and a buddy just drove to California in a van with their two bikes to do a race practise course - and just arrived back safely a few days ago.

All our Love

Susa & Peter