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Tue, Dec 7, 2010 at 10:37 PM

Reply-To: john@larsen-family.us

To: Phillip Larsen &lt;phillip.larsen@myldsmail.net&gt;

Hi Dear Phillip,

I really enjoyed your email. Only Heather got it at first because our home email server was configured for a maximum message size of 10 MB. I have changed that to 50 MB. The pictures you attached made the email 11 MB, so it got refused. That won't be a problem anymore.

We had an adventure with our gas stove on Thursday evening, Dec 2nd. Joyce called me while I was driving home. She had a turkey in the oven, but somehow the oven got stuck "on". The gas burner wouldn't turn off. Joyce didn't know what to do. I talked her through turning off the circuit breaker for the stove. The stove burners can be used with or without AC power, but the oven requires AC to work. Turning off the breaker turned off the stove, which had become VERY hot. It had been off about 20 minutes when I got home and the knobs were still very hot. The microwave has some kind of over temperature sensor in it that turns the fans on automatically when there is too much heat. Those came on. After dinner I took the stove top apart so I could get at the controls. Everything looked okay physically, no loose screws or anything obvious. I then did a bunch of testing and everything was working fine. So, we'll have to keep an eye on that to be sure nothing bad happens.

4 Dec 2010, Sat

Today I fulfilled my assignment to clean the church. I always like to work in the chapel when I do that, and that's what I did today. I spent three hours cleaning. I like to do a really thorough vacuuming job. There was a lot of food mess from kids eating during meetings. We never brought food into the chapel. It seems like parents could train their kids. We did! The chapel is in excellent shape for fast Sunday tomorrow.

This afternoon I put up outside Christmas lights. I put the icicle lights across the front like you've done the past two years. I also got the candy cane lights set up. I didn't get to the railing lights and garland yet. I also haven't done the inside tree yet. That is still waiting on me.

We had Elders Jackson and Clements over for dinner this evening. Bradford and

Rachel were also here. It was nice having the missionaries over. They always bring a good spirit with them. It has a different feeling to it now, knowing that you are doing the same in Texas.

We got a nice card in the mail yesterday with two pictures in it from Sister Robinson. I'll scan those pictures soon and get them online along with the pictures you included with your email.

I've scanned 225 Eberhard pictures. I've made it all the way through two books. It was kind of tricky, because the pictures are permanently attached to the pages. I had to preview the whole page, then crop each picture individually. Then I had to apply white borders to cover up the edges. Then I do a merged image, crop once more, and save. I have 29 loose pictures left to scan, and then I'll be done with everything Sister Eberhard gave me. Then she will need to identify all the people in the pictures that she can. Then I'll put some of them into Tony's brief life history and testimony that I transcribed. Anyway... that's what I've been spending my extra time on for the past month.

7 Dec 2010, Tues (Pearl Harbor day and Uncle Stanford's birthday)

I talked with the missionaries when they were over for dinner about the size of your email mailbox. They said it is really big and that attaching pictures is no problem. So, I've attached a few pictures. The first four are from Dec 4th when the missionaries were over for dinner. We ended up getting out my old 1980s glasses and took some goofy pictures. Then there is a picture of Heather. She went to a "Black Tie" YSA dance in Cambridge on Saturday evening. The picture is of her outfit. Then there are a couple of pictures from the Holiday Stroll, one of eating fried dough, and one of the sponge bob ice sculpture they made.

I had band practice this evening. Our Christmas concert is Saturday afternoon, so there will be a dress rehearsal this Friday. TCC holiday party is this Friday as well. The annual nativity pageant is this weekend too, so it will be a busy time.

Joyce and Julia went up to SNHU for Rachel's choir concert. I was unable to go because of rehearsal this evening. Rachel was really sick yesterday, throwing up and feeling yucky. She was doing somewhat better today and was able to participate in the concert.

Yesterday evening we all went Rivier College. Bradford emailed us at the last minute letting us know that Amy and two other people were giving a concert at 8pm. Since it was on a Monday and we had it free, we did that for our FHE activity. I'm always impressed by people who have reached that level of talent and perfection. It was a good concert, lasting only an hour.

I hope all this detail about life doesn't make you home sick. That isn't my intention. However, you are a huge part of our family and I miss you. I enjoy getting your emails. I pray for you several times each day, that the Lord will watch over you and buoy you up when you get down. The ups and downs are normal. Reading in my journal I discovered that I went through cycles all the time. I did better and better as time went on. So, trust in the Lord. He knows what you need and whom you can touch. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to serve full time.

Love you,

Dad

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