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(Fwd) Hello, Dear Elder!

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From: Joyce Larsen <linenLady9@larsen-family.us>

To: Elder Phillip Larsen

Subject: Hello, Dear Elder!

Date sent: Thu, 16 Dec 2010 11:58:30 -0500

Hi, Phillip, Dear Elder Larsen!

I still think it's neat to be able to call you that!

By now you should have gotten the two packages I sent last week, and have been enjoying them, day by day. Just so you know, this is a pre-Christmas fun package, because you're in the States this year and the postage is cheaper. I thought it would be nice for your first Christmas in the Mission Field to have some things every day. You'll get the "real" Christmas present next week!

We did get your package. I don't know if I ever told you that (it's not checked off on my list of things to tell you). I loved seeing what you put in it! And thank you for the candy bars! That was so thoughtful.

Christmas has been coming slowly here . . . we still have to put up decorations, as Dad told you. That will happen tomorrow night. We've been busy with concerts and the Pageant, the Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting Service, and regular life. Even the weather has not been like Christmas--we have had NO snow, none at all. I've seen maybe one or two flurries, but that's all. We might get some on Sunday, but we'll see. Today I'll do some shopping, then pick up Julia from school after Magic Club, then take her home to be

here

for an hour while I pick up Rachel to go to the Santa Fund Concert. I always love that concert. I love how many actual Christmas songs there are, in addition to the winter songs, and some Hanukah songs. Oh, just so you know, if you haven't heard from Rachel for a bit, she has been sick with a stomach flu for a long time. She said she is finally better, but she has had to miss a bunch of stuff.

Yesterday I went to the Temple with my Presidency, and guess what! It was Missionary Day

at the Temple! We were in the 10am session, and the whole zone from Nashua was there!

Sis. Evans (the wife of Pres. Evans, the Mission President) told me there are 18-20 missionaries in a zone. They have been bringing each zone to the Temple, so they each

get to do it before Christmas. Then afterward the session they had a nice lunch in the cafeteria of pizza and salad. I saw the tables set up, decorated for Christmas for them. It

was really nice. A group from the Manchester mission were coming an hour later. Is there

a Temple near you at all in Texas? Will you be able to attend at all? One other person I

saw, who was also in the session with us, was Judy Reitze, who is Janey Barton's sister. I

knew she and her husband work in the Temple once a month for a few days, but I have

never before been there at the same time. It was really nice!

I want to send this out quickly so you can have it for today, so I'll keep the rest of my list for

later. Two quick things, though. I've seen the "Creepy Santa" that we pass when we get

Rachel! Julia has taken a picture on the phone, and I agree, it is really creepy! Just like the

one in The Santa Clause 2, or the ones that shoot in Dr. Who.

The other thing is that Nick Anderson had his mission change. It's interesting, because I

didn't know they ever did that. I have no idea why. He is still going to Brazil, and still on the

same day, but instead of the Brazil Londrina Mission, it is a different one.

More later, except I love you lots! You're a good and faithful boy, well, a man now. Whenever prayers are offered for missionaries (like in church, or in the Temple), I'm praying for MY missionary, and I know the Lord is with you.

Love,
Mom

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