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A letter from Dad: 29 Dec 2010

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Dear Phillip,

23 Dec 2010 - Thursday

I was rereading some of your emails today. You had asked some weeks back while in the MTC if I remembered Dale Geddes from Murray High School days. Yes I do. I think he was the truant officer when I was at MHS.

24 Dec 2010 - Friday

I had lots of "errandy" things to do today. I tried to donate blood at the church, but my blood iron is too low, so I was rejected. Yesterday in the mail I got a letter from the doctor in Manchester that I consulted with concerning my slight anemia. I was supposed to do six stool sample cards to test for bleeding in the intestinal track. I don't really want to do that, so I've been putting it off and off. I guess they figured it was time for a follow up letter since the poop samples hadn't been received. The letter explains that I need to take ferrous sulfate 325 mg twice a day for 60 days and then get retested. So, I picked up the medication this morning before going to the blood drive. I'll take that for two months and then try donating again.

The Toyota was past due for an oil change so I finally got around to doing that. I think you've been there with me before. You pull up your car and then they escort you to the waiting room. I got in the room and realized there were several people in the room, but didn't really look at them. I searched for an empty chair. Then I looked up at one of the people dressed in a white shirt and noticed an "Elder ??" badge in his pocket. The four people were all missionaries! They were two from Keene and two from Peterborough. There was a zone conference in Nashua today, which is why they were in town. There is no Jiffy Lube in Keene, so they took advantage of being in Nashua to get the job done. We talked for a while and it was quite enjoyable.

After the oil change and going to the credit union to deposit some checks, I stopped by the cemetery on the way home to visit with Stanford for a few minutes. When I pulled in I noticed a couple doing some clean up on the Ashley Musick grave. It was her grand parents. I talked with them for about ten minutes and showed them where Stanford's grave is. Ashley died of a brain tumor when she was about ten years old in 2002. It was an emotional time for me.

Bradford came up yesterday afternoon and will be here until Monday. We moved a bunch of stuff back out of his old room into the area where the octagon table is located. That left enough room for the queen sized air bed. One of the windows in his room has no plastic in it, and it got really cold during the night. I've been meaning to put plastic back in that window for awhile now. Bradford said a couple weeks ago when he was up here, when it was a lot colder, that there was ice all over that window on the inside. I added insulation around the window between the wall and the concrete. Then I put new plastic in the window. Hopefully that will make a big difference in the room.

25 Dec 2010 - Saturday

Phone call ! That was the highlight of the day. This Christmas was quite different without you here at home. We all slept in until 9:30 when Rachel sent a text message wishing us "Merry Christmas". I know that I already mentioned this in the phone call. I also recorded the whole phone call and made an mp3 out of it to post along with the pictures from the day.

26 Dec 2010 - Sunday

This is the last time we start the meeting block at 1:00 PM. This coming Sunday we start in on 9:00 AM schedule. It's a little strange to realize that the whole year has gone by already. You may have heard, but a really huge storm moved into the area starting around 4:30 PM. We were still at the church for tithing settlement at 4:40 and there was also a baptism. Scott Vachon's girl friend ?? Northrup was baptized. Scott performed the baptism. Rachel attended the baptism. The idea was that she would meet with Bishop McFadden after the baptism, but there so many others already on the schedule. Rachel's mom wanted her home by 6:00 PM for dinner. The storm was quite heavy by then. Joyce ended up driving Sister Blanchette's car to their house for her because Jenn had taken some Zofran to control nausea and couldn't drive. I met them at their house and helped get the girls inside. The snow was really coming down. Then Joyce and I drove home afterwards. The storm was classified as a blizzard. The

winds were blowing hard all night long.

We watched "Toy Story 3" today. It is a fun show. We have the DVD, so in the future you'll be able to watch it too.

27 Dec 2010 - Monday

Bradford and I shovelled the driveway today. The wind was still blowing hard and causing drifts, but we got the job done. I then shovelled a path to the shed and to Beverly's door. After that I grabbed the Christmas fruit basket and drove over to Sister Steven's home to shovel if needed. Her son answered the door, which surprised me. The walks were already shovelled so I left the basket with Rob because Sister Stevens wasn't available at the time and I was a sweaty mess. I came home and stayed inside the rest of the day.

Joyce, Heather, and Julia took Winston to Mercy Hospital today for Winston's annual physical (6 months late). He's doing well. He is 1 pound lighter than last time, but that is because we haven't been feeding him as much. The Potters are out of town so Joyce and Julia are taking care of their cats again. Heather went along with them and they were over there for quite awhile. I finished reading the second Miles Vorkosigan book and then did some actual "work" work for awhile.

Bradford is still here. At first he was planning on going home this evening, but then he went over to Amy's to watch a movie and will stay another night with us.

28 Dec 2010 - Tuesday

Bradford left this afternoon. I shoveled the driveway again to remove all the drifted snow. The powerful winds during the night really moved the snow around. I finally got all caught up with my favorite "hobby", the budget. I finished the second Vorkosigan novel and started reading the third one. I also got all the pictures off the camera and on to the website. I've attached a few pictures to this email so you can have a sense of how things went. It was pretty much the same as in years past, except for the absence of two of my boys.

29 Dec 2010 - Wed

Just saw your email. Here is mine. Hope you get it now!

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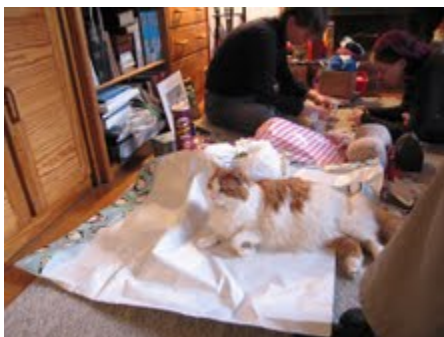
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