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Hi, Elder Larsen!

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Hello, Phillip!

I hope you've gotten the package I sent. It should have come on Monday. I sent it out with a couple of things to keep you warm, and now I've heard it's been extra warm in New Mexico. I'm sure it's the thermal underwear I sent that caused that :).

I've been working out in the gym, and boy, do I feel it! I guess that's good. It means it's good for me. Are you riding your bikes again? Have you moved to a different apartment? Or have other Elders in your apartment moved? Someone asked me if you have one companion, or are in a threesome, and I really didn't know. Who is/are your companion(s)? Also, another question, has anyone in your mission gotten a visa lately?

On Sunday I went to the Nashua 2nd Ward for their Ward Conference. I taught a Relief Society lesson. I always feel like the first time or two of Ward Conferences for the year the lessons are a bit rough, because we aren't sure of the timing or how to work it. But it was fine. I had wanted to involve my counselors more, so the lesson would be from all three of us, but the time was short, also I tend to talk a lot. I need to work on that! We taught a lesson on ministering and what that means, and how we need to look after each other. We used the section on ministering from the new handbook. Plus, I had a story that made people cry and a comic strip that was cute. One thing that really impressed me was how so many of the members of the Nashua 2nd Ward are Spanish speaking or Portuguese speaking. Half or more of the sisters sang in Spanish. One of the counselors is Hispanic, and the RS President, Jenny Davis, served her mission in South America and they both give the announcements in Spanish when they conduct. Jeana Lopez-Carrasco said the closing prayer in Spanish. I so wished I could speak those languages!

I'm going to send this email now, and start another one to send in a bit, but I want you to be sure to get an email from me this week. I was just talking on the phone with my brother, who is going tomorrow to China for a couple of weeks. That conversation took longer than I thought. Anyway, I love you and I pray for you, and I'll pray more fervently for a visa for you. Which reminds me, I got a nice letter from Karen Ogden, and she said they had a mission-wide fast for visas to come through, and they are seeing it happen more now. So, have hope!

I'll write more in the next email, and I'll look forward to getting yours!

Love,
Mom