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## A letter from Dad: 16 May 2011

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To: Phillip Larsen <phillip.larsen@myldsmail.net>

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Hello Dear Phillip,

Question: What kind of music can you listen to? I'm going to rip CDs to mp3 and put them on a thumb drive. The drive is 16 GigaBytes and can hold lots. Tell me what to put on it. (You could also use it as a backup for your camera pictures in addition to CDs. It might be faster to copy the pictures from your SD cards onto the USB thumb drive.)

Sunday evening here. I returned a few minutes ago from the Stake Relief Society fireside. I was asked to be there as the stake technology specialist to set up the projector and make sure everything ran smoothly from a technological point of view. It was a very good meeting. The speakers were very well prepared and the musical numbers touched the spirit.

This past week we learned of yet another family moving from the ward, the McFaddens. :( Bishop McFadden has accepted a new job with his current company and they will all be moving to California. I'm very sad to see them go.

Today at church I handed out pre stamped pre addressed envelopes to 20 families asking them to write you a letter. Hopefully some of them will follow through. Many were very happy to accept the envelope. Here is a list of the names: Noel, Burgess, Henkel, Ure, McFadden, Carl, Cole, Blanchette, Hann, Travis Johnson, Geoff, Gribble, Rackliffe, Silvestro, Bentall, Rick Nelson, Bates, Fry, Schinn, and Scott. Let us know when those start coming through. :)

This past Wednesday evening we attended the special NHSS Band Uniform Benefit Concert. It was an excellent concert. I think we have talked about it some before. One of Stanford's classmates, Andrew Cote, wrote a band work entitled "For Stan." Wednesday evening was the world premier performance of the work. We talked some with Andrew before the concert began. He also spoke to the audience just before the work was performed. The song started out with an alto saxophone playing all by itself. The beginning phrase was the first five notes of "Called to Serve". That tugged

strongly at my heart and brought tears to my eyes. The phrase was repeated throughout the work being passed from section to section. The band did such a great job on the song. It ended again with an alto saxophone doing a solo. In total, four alto sax players took parts playing the solos. It was such an emotional experience for me. I talked with Andrew after the concert wondering how he knew about "Called to Serve". He said that he had kept the program from the funeral and had used that as the theme for his work. It was awesome. We will be getting a DVD of the concert and will pull the audio from that song and get it to you so you can also listen to it. I've attached a picture taken of us after the concert.

We still haven't sent out the package, but we're very close. I did some research over the weekend and have figured out exactly what we need to do to get the job done. If it isn't raining tomorrow (Monday) I'll pick up a large flat rate Priority shipping box. That can hold up to 20 pounds and is 12" x 12" x 5.5" in dimension.

Facebook. Your current relationship status is "In a relationship with Rachel Glastetter". The picture is the same one used for your missionary application, the one taken in the kitchen. "Elder Magalhaes" has made a friend request on Facebook. Should I accept that one?

Monday morning at work.

Feeling inadequate... Hmmmm..... I think it is helpful to keep the proper perspective. We all have those feelings. However, if you remember that Heavenly Father gives us "line upon line, precept upon precept... here a little, there a little... until we arrive at a perfect understanding..." (poorly quoted). Also remember the parable of the talents. One faithful servant had 5 talents and doubled them. Another had 2 or 3 talents and doubled them. The third only had 1 talent and he hid it in the earth. The Lord rewarded the faithful servants and then entered in unto his joy. Heavenly Father knows us perfectly, and He loves us perfectly. He knows what we need. He provides us opportunities to grow.

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