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## A letter from Dad: 2 Jan 2012

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FACEBOOK FRIEND REQUESTS:

**Amarildo Ferreira wants to be friends with you on Facebook.**

Works at Dono da empresa Metalurgica Martex Ltda · São Luís, Brazil

13 friends · 1 photo

Last week I sent an email with 10 pictures of different face book requests. Please look through that and give a thumbs up or down on each.

Hello Dear Phillip,

Another week! It has been a nice one for me, lots of sleeping in, puttering about doing whatever I felt like. I have done lots of reading and a little bit of movie watching. I also worked on another new song for the band, "Sing A Song" by Earth, Wind & Fire. It was top of the charts in 1975. It has some nice horn parts in it.

Last Monday we used the annual Mark & Dixie Christmas present to Applebees. You can see from the attached pictures that we had a good time. The Rachel went with us. After Applebees we came back home and opened up all the presents that Rachel had given us and she opened up the ones that we gave her. Attached pictures show that too.

Joyce got a digital camera for Christmas. Any picture number less than 100 was taken on her camera. I have the camera set up to work with lap-beast. I'll probably have to talk her through it a few times before she remembers the steps. It's amazing how small cameras are these days. Joyce's camera is a 14 megapixel with a 4x optical zoom. That's double the pixels of my camera and hers cost about 20% of what mine did back in 2004. It's nice and small and she can keep it conveniently in her purse to use whenever the occasion comes up.

We still haven't had any snow. The temperatures have warmed up again. It was over

50 today. I know winter will eventually hit, but I don't mind not having snow right now.

Our meeting schedule switched to the 11:00 AM block for 2012. That's a nice time to have, probably my favorite. I like 9:00 AM too.

The Coles had a gathering at their house for New Years. I drove Julia out around 7:30 PM and dropped her off and came back. Joyce and I watched "While You Were Sleeping" and enjoyed a log in the fireplace. We didn't really want to go to yet another party, so we stayed home. We drove out to get Julia a little after midnight and ended up staying at the Coles for about 60 minutes before coming home to have a Skype call with the Wilsons. It was nice to catch up with them and find out everything that is going on. Andrew is making steady progress on getting his mission papers going. He finally was able to get a New Mexico drivers license. That has been a real road block. They're hoping to get Andrew out on his mission by April if possible.

There was a baptism in our ward on Sunday. Brother Maurice Harris was baptized. He has been investigating the church for about 3 years. He has lived in 4 different wards over those years and interacted with several sets of missionaries. Our Elders Jones and Stephens taught him and he accepted the challenge to be baptized. I think he is in his mid 30s age wise and is single. He seems like a nice guy. He served in the military for several years and has been all over the world.

On a political note, the Iowas Caucus is this Tuesday. New Hampshire's first in the nation primary is a week from Tuesday on Jan 10th. Romney is doing pretty well in the polls at this time. It will be interesting to see how it all shakes out. You'll be able to vote in November. Hopefully it will be Romney vs Obama.

Monday, Jan 2nd, is my last day of vacation. Tuesday it will be back into the routine again. Over the vacation I became quite relaxed about going to the gym and skipped it a bunch. I only went twice last week. My goal is to become a lot more consistent.

This past week I finally got all the computer work in the Family History Center done. That job has been going on since mid November. It's all done now and the only thing left is for the old computers and obsolete gear to be taken away. That will happen this week. I still have the Lowell computer to finish up, and then there are two or three other clerk computers that will get replaced this year. It has been a busy time.

The Rachel is in Maryland visiting her online friend Carrie. She flew down there last Friday. We've been teasing her telling her that Carrie really was some 60 year old weirdo man that would meet her at the airport. However, it turns out that Carrie really is a girl Rachel's age and all is well.

We had Apple Crisp last Thursday, It has been a whole year since we had apple crisp

last! Somehow the time slipped by. So, I made to traditional two and we at them. Bradford came up from Arlington and The Rachel came over too, as you can see in the attached pictures. There were leftovers and I got to eat them on Friday. It was very yummy.

I'll be sleeping in again Monday morning, but at least this email will be waiting for you. I'll stumble downstairs when I wake up to see if you're online.

I love you bunches. I'm proud of you and your diligent efforts. I know the Lord will continue to bless you as you serve him. The church is true.

Love you,

Dad

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