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A letter from Dad: 9 Jan 2012

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FACEBOOK FRIEND REQUESTS:



Gabriela Carvalho wants to be friends with you on Facebook.

CSJT · Theresina, Piaui, Brazil

146 friends

You have 8 mutual friends



Carolina Tenório wants to be friends with you on Facebook.

Indexer at Family Search · BYU (Brigham Young University) · São Luís, Brazil

730 friends · 127 photos · 52 Wall posts · 2 groups

Three mutual friends in common. I attached a picture of her from Facebook.

Hello Dear Phillip,

I posted a few of your pictures to Facebook. I also updated your profile picture with the one of you in the field as you requested. The following posts were made in response to one picture. I don't know what it says:

Elder Phillip Larsen on Nov 26, 2011, at the Baptism of Amarildo and his Family. (Left to right, Phillip, Bishop is kneeling down, Amarildo, Elder Ribeiro, Mariana (With Vitoria her niece) Tereza, and Amanda.)



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[Marcia Nogueira](#) Bom trabalho [Elder Phillip Larsen](#), você é um ótimo rapaz.

Okay... it's Sunday evening, again. This was our first week back into normal life since the holidays. I think we made the transition okay. That meant getting to bed by 10:00 PM again instead of between midnight and 1:00 AM. It also meant waking up at 5:45 AM for me and earlier for Joyce and Julia.

This seemed to be a medical/dental care week. On Tuesday I went to the travel clinic and had the second Hep A vaccination. On Wednesday Heather went to the dentist for a cleaning and discovered that she needs to have a gum graft. They forwarded her x-rays to the periodontist. I went to the periodontist Thursday morning for my cleaning and Joyce went in the afternoon. I'm glad we can afford to take care of all those kinds of things.

The weather the past few days has been unseasonably warm, well at least it feels that way for us. (You would be freezing.) It got into the upper 40s Sunday and hit the low 50s on Saturday. It was so nice on Saturday that I actually took down the outside Christmas lights. That's a first. That task usually doesn't get done until April. Joyce did a ton of work up in the attic on Saturday. I'll let her describe that.

The New Hampshire primary is this Tuesday, Jan 10th. The number of telephone calls we've been receiving has been amazing. On Saturday I decided to answer the phone on almost all calls. I got the same robo call 4 times during the day. I got another one just a moment ago. The Iowa caucuses were last Tuesday. Romney squeaked out a win by 6 votes in Iowa. He is heavily favored in the polls to win NH. After that it is on to South Carolina where he has also been rising in the polls. I suppose it is possible that he will have so much momentum after the first 4 contests that he could sail through to the nomination. It is interesting living in New Hampshire when the eyes of the nation all look this way.

We had our Fast and Testimony Meeting on Sunday. I stayed on the stand after the sacrament instead of going down when the priesthood is excused to sit with their families. That way I was able to be first after the bishop to bear testimony. I explained how grateful I was for the plan of salvation and the atonement of the Saviour. I explained how during the sacrament I was looking at Stanford's shoes that I wear every week to church. I explained that this helps me to keep things in perspective. I talked about how on the 23rd it will have been 5 years since Stanford died. Five years... that's a lot of living.... almost 10% of my life, and a much higher percentage for those who were younger. I explained how at the end of the postlude music I always play "Called to Serve" because that was Stanford's favorite hymn. I expressed my thankfulness for living prophets and apostles that show us the way. I explained how I was looking forward to studying the Book of Mormon during the year and how it rings true to me every time I read from its pages. Five years. At the end of the meeting Joyce went up and bore her testimony. Garrett Hawkins was the last testimony of the day.

Let's see.... what else happened this past week. I practiced saxophones for several hours during the week. I read books in my Nook. I watched one episode of "Monk" on my Kindle Fire. I worked. I got the budget all caught up. I studied Egyptian Arabic mp3s on my iPaq. I've gone through all 8 lessons now. Unfortunately our library doesn't have the full sets for Egyptian Arabic, only the short course. I looked up how much the Pimsleur courses cost, and the full course is in two parts, A and B, and they

cost \$180 each. I'm very hesitant to spend that kind of money on something that I probably won't every really use other than just to learn it. The library does have the full course for Spanish and Portuguese. They have other languages too.

Merrimack Band rehearsals don't start up until Feb 7th. That leaves my Tuesdays open until then. I worked up the charts for "Sing A Song" by Earth, Wind & Fire, a new song for the Secret Agent Band. I've started on "September" also by Earth, Wind, and Fire. We still haven't had any Secret Agent rehearsals. We still need a lead singer. However, I keep practicing and getting more new songs ready to go. I'm sure at some point we'll find someone and then start rehearsing again. I'm looking forward to that.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope and trust that all is well with you. You are in all our prayers every day. We are so thankful that you have this opportunity to server the Lord as a full time missionary. Keep being diligent in your efforts.

Love you,

Dad

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