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A letter from Dad: 20 Feb 2012

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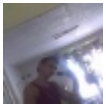
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Hello Dear Phillip,

It's Sunday evening, the day before Presidents Day. Heather and I have Monday the 20th off as a holiday. Julia has regular seminary and school. The school district is making up one of the October snow days by having regular classes. I'll probably sleep in some on Monday.

This has been kind of an uneventful week for me. There were no special evening events except for Merrimack Band practice on Tuesday. I enjoyed that and we got some music that should be fun to play, some jazz tunes from the 40s. Saturday I spent some time entering "Take The A Train" into my notation editor. I find that I practice much better when I have something to play along with. I was unable to find this version of the song done by any group on youtube. So, I entered it into NoteWorthy Composer and then played it on my electronic keyboard and recorded it on the computer. I did it at three different speeds so that I can start out slower and then speed it up as I get the fingering down. I really do enjoy playing the saxophone.

Sunday morning I woke up with a queezy stomach and then multiple journeys to the bathroom. I went to church anyway because I am the organist after all. Then I made some more trips to the bathroom. I was able to stay for all the meetings, but it wasn't

the most enjoyable time. We came home right after meetings and I ended up taking a nap for a couple of hours. That helped, but I was still not feeling the best because I hadn't eaten anything but a cheese stick all day.

Sunday was Feb 19th. That was the day that Travis Deschenes passed away 5 years ago. Joyce and I went over to visit with Ray and Kate for about 20 minutes or so. Joyce had written a nice card and had a decorative bag with some thoughtful remembrances in it. Ray and Kate seem to be doing well, but the ache is always there, as we all know. We will always have these Jan 23rd followed by Feb 19th events. I'm glad that we can share in the memory with them. They were glad that we remembered and took the time to visit them.

Sunday evening was an open house at the Scotts' home for Amy Taylor. We had intended to go, but we left quite late and I wasn't feeling all that great. We drove into town and turned around on Arlington Street and came home. That was the right move to make. We would have arrived with only 15 minutes left of the open house. That's a lot of driving for 15 minutes of visiting time. The original plan was to go up to SNHU and get Rachel so she could also go. However, I'm not at all familiar with the back roads that we would be going on to get to the Scotts from that direction. We ended up not even going. Amy starts her mission to Billings Montana the first week of March.

Brother Henkel had out patient surgery this past Thursday. He was supposed to come home teaching, but called Wednesday evening to let us know that he wouldn't be able to come. He has a lodged kidney stone that he can't seem to pass. They were going to have to go in and remove it surgically. I haven't heard how it went, but you might keep him in your prayers.

Melanie Larsen, Ammon's wife, will be finishing up her chemotherapy this month. She did this blog posting on Jan 23rd:

"I met with my doctor this week (I do so every 3 weeks- at the beginning of each new round of chemo). I asked her if she thought my treatments were working and if I will be in remission after I'm done. She said "yes" without hesitation. Once I'm in remission, I will come for appointments every 3 months for 2 years. If I have no recurrences at that point, I'm considered cured. I so look forward to that!"

I know that there are people who are cured. We have been praying for her daily. Based on the above report it sounds very hopeful.

No pictures this week. Sorry about that.

Well, that's about all that comes to mind right now. Sorry this email is so brief. This Wednesday is "empty bowls" at NHSS and the jazz band will be playing. I want to be sure to hear that. Tuesday is Merrimack Band and Saturday we're trying to have a rock band rehearsal at John Carl's home. The following week is vacation week for Julia and youth temple trip is scheduled. So here at home it is the same old stuff as usual, but that's nice.

I love you bunches. I love reading your emails and sensing the great enjoyment you have serving the Lord as a missionary. Keep up the great work!

Dad

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