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## A letter from Dad: 5 Mar 2012

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

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Hello Dear Phillip,

Sunday again, and we're waiting for Bradford to arrive. He left his apartment at 5:59 PM so he will be about 45 minutes later than the plan. However, all will be just fine. Of course, it's fast Sunday, the slowest Sunday of the month and I'm hungry!

Amy Taylor is being set apart as a full time missionary at 7:00 PM Sunday evening. She bore her testimony today in church. She's excited to be going on her mission. That means our ward will have two missionaries out again, you and Amy!

This past week was vacation week for Julia. The schedule in the home instantly shifted to a later bedtime for all and a much later wake up time for Julia, a couple hours later for Joyce, and 15 minutes later for me. It's good to have a break, but the changing sleep schedule will make it a lot harder Monday morning when it's time to wake up for seminary.

Winter finally hit us, the kind with snow. It moved into the area last Wednesday afternoon and over a 36 hour period it dropped about 8 inches on us. I shovelled snow Thursday morning, Friday morning, and again Saturday afternoon. I'm Sister Favey's home teacher now so I also went over to her house Thursday morning nad shovel her driveway after doing our own. Snow shovelling was my aerobic workout instead of going to the gym.

Last Tuesday was the youth temple trip. Several of the young men were on a high adventure activity at Sea Base in the Florida keys, so they weren't there. We had about 14 youth there, about an even amount of boys and girls. We were short on priesthood because so many YM leaders were on the high adventure. I did all the baptisms. That's the first time in quite awhile that I've done the baptisms, and it was enjoyable to do that. Afterwards we went to McDonalds as usual.

I'll be going to Egypt again. Our flight out of here is Sunday evening, April 1st. That is General Conference weekend, and I will miss the afternoon session because I'll need to get to the airport. We will do the demo and then fly back Friday morning, April 6th.

I'll arrive in Boston around 5 PM and will get home around 7 PM.

The Nashua New Hampshire Stake is doing a stake play this year. It is "The Savior of the World." It is a script and music made available by Church Headquarters for stakes to use. Julia is singing in the choir for the production. The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, April 6th and 7th. Fortunately I'll be flying back on the 6th so I'll be able to attend on the 7th.

As you may have surmised, Bradford is here so we can have a family birthday celebration for him. Rachel is also here as is Heather's boy friend, Adam. (It is currently 8:46 PM Sunday evening.)

Now it's 10:04 PM and all the festivities are done. As you can see from the attached pictures we did all the traditional things. Bradford was in the birthday chair and enjoyed opening all the presents. That was followed by the birthday song and blowing out of the candles. Bradford did quick work on all 27 candles extinguishing them decisively. The candle race candles were all brand new and from the same box. Bradford chose his candle and the progression clockwise was Stanford, Julia, Adam, Heather, John, Joyce, and Rachel. Strangely enough, Bradford's was the first candle to go out! Joyce was the winner by a couple of minutes.

My new drivers license came in the mail a few days back. I was able to renew online just like Joyce and Heather did. We haven't received any information yet about your license. It probably won't come until the end of March. We'll let you know when we hear anything.

Heather had her car in to Hanson's for annual state inspection. Her car needed some work on the exhaust system to the tune of about \$350, but it's all set for another year. I'll be getting the Toyota and Saturn in for inspections soon. This is the month that I really need to spend some time finding a replacement vehicle for the van. Bleh. I'm not looking forward to that whole exercise.

Grandma is back from Mesa, AZ. She spent about 8 weeks there with Casey and Don. She got back on Saturday. Aunt Lori called me from Grandma's house to get help with copying files off a thumb drive back onto the computer. This is the last year that Grandma will go to Mesa to visit because Casey and Don sold their trailer. They will be staying in Utah all year now instead of being snow birds.

Last Monday evening we were invited to the Faveys' home for dinner. That had the missionaries coming that evening and needed more people, so they invited us. All four of us went and it was fun to be with the missionaries again after only two days. We had a delightful time with Sister Dominique and Gilberte Favey. Dominique is Gilberte's daughter that has lived in the 2nd Ward for many years. Gilberte had

moved to Seattle Washington area to live with her other daughter, but that didn't go well at all. The other daughter had nefarious motives at heart and she and her husband essentially stole everything that Gilberte had received when her husband died. Gilberte ended up moving back into her home and Dominique moved all her stuff from her apartment into Gilberte's home and is living there with her mother. Gilberte is having memory problems and really can't live alone. It's a good thing that Dominique is available and willing to live with and take care of her mother. And, as I mentioned earlier, Brother Hann and I have been assigned as their home teachers.

Well, as usual, since I wrote my email first, I've described the happenings of the last week and your Mom has nothing she can write about. She always seems to come up with good stuff though.

I love you bunches and am proud of the fine man you have become. The Lord will bless you as you strive to do your best.

Love,

Dad

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