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## A letter from Dad: 9 April 2012

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Hello Dear Phillip,

It's another late one Sunday evening. It is midnight right now. Joyce and I took Rachel back to her dorm and got back about 11:30 PM. Then I finished up going through all your pictures and organizing them. Another DVD of pictures came this past week. Today I organized them chronologically like I've done all the others you have sent. As you noted there were quite a few duplicates of what you had sent before, but there was also a lot of new stuff too. I now have pictures going through Feb 14, 2012. They are all online at:

[http://larsen-family.us/pictures/phillip\\_mission/](http://larsen-family.us/pictures/phillip_mission/)

It appears that I have all your pictures through your time in Sao Luis. I also put the audio recordings in dated folders in with the pictures. So, it is safe to delete everything through Feb 24, 2012 that may still be in your camera.

There are so many pictures to attach this week that I'll do it in two emails so that it will all go through. Pictures from my Egypt trip, the Easter Egg hunt, and Julia's birthday celebration are all included this week.

The outcome of our Egypt trip was very successful. We were able to get the equipment all set up and working on Tuesday. On Wednesday we successfully demonstrated the optical encryptor to several generals. We also demonstrated another new TCC product, an encryptor for radios. In addition John Maher gave a power point overview of TCC's new IP encryptor that we're currently developing. At the end of the day they requested that we return and do a field test of our optical encryptor. That was the hoped for outcome. So, I'll most likely be making yet another trip to Egypt sometime in the next few months.

I was able to try out the Arabic that I've been learning. It earned a lot of customer "good will". They were really pleased that I had made the effort to learn some Arabic. Before the trip I wasn't sure if what I had been learning from the CDs was the correct dialect of Arabic or not. Well, it turns out that what I've been learning appears to be

spot on. Everything I tried saying was easily understood by them. Based on that I decided to buy the whole 30 lesson course of Egyptian Arabic. The mp3 version was \$120. I've already been using the first 8 lessons, but there are 22 more now that I can learn from. Since I'll be going back I feel that it is a worthwhile thing to do.

I got back home Friday evening about 7:30 PM. I got a good night's sleep Friday night into Saturday. I'm still trying to get my body back on EDT. It will take a few days I'm sure. I'm kind of dragging right now and my tinnitus is pretty loud. That's how I can tell when I'm really tired. The tinnitus gets really loud.

Politics: Romney won three primaries last Tuesday in Wisconsin, Washington DC, and Maryland. He got 89 delegates and Santorum got 9 delegates. Romney now has a total of 645. Santorum has 252 delegates, Gingrich has 128, and Paul has 45.

Romney needs 1144 to secure the nomination. The "delegate math" at this point makes it pretty much impossible for Santorum to get enough delegates to win. The media and the GOP have pretty much decided that Romney will be the Republican candidate. When I was in Egypt watching the news there, the only candidate that they talked about was Romney. The difference in how the media was approaching the race before my trip and after I got back was very noticeable. Romney is the man and he is switching to "general election" mode instead of "primary mode". There are still several contests left and it all has to play out, but it looks like Romney will be the one. Now hopefully he can really seal the deal with the American people and win in November. It's going to be a challenging contest.

Monday I will be registering the Honda Odyssey in the morning. Wednesday I'll be taking the Odyssey back to the dealer for inspection and for them to paint the front and rear bumpers. I'll pick the van back up Thursday morning. Then it will all be done! That will be a relief to have all the car stuff done finally.

Well... my brain is shutting down so I should head to bed. I love you.

Dad

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