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## A letter from Dad: 16 April 2012

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To: Phillip Larsen &lt;phillip.larsen@myldsmail.net&gt;

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Hello Dear Phillip,

This was sent by Tracy Cable to a bunch of people including you. She makes an unnamed reference to Stanford.

Conversation with D. Andrew Lamb, Dan Cowan, Dan Callahan, Danny Crawford, Dara Fisher, Dave Lefkin, David Syas, David Shore, David Bright, Deanna Mathiot, Deborah Vernon, Deepa Krishnaswamy, DJ Bean, E.B. Brooks, Eddie Brown, Edlie Rivas, Elder Phillip Larsen, Elise N. Fuego, Elizabeth Laws, Ellen Chase, Emily Aniskovich, Emily Brooks, Emily Ellett, Emily Roberts, Emily Weiser, Eric Beidleman, Erin Schumann, Erin Quadros, Eve Dolkart, Gabi Bartholomew, Gina Gualtieri, Gina Davis, Glenn Sweeney, Glennis Chase, Gregory Roney, Gregory de Montesquieu, Hannah Brooks, Hannah Anthony, Harrison Pugh, Heather Rusaw, Hilary Kamen, Inbal Rejwan, Isaac Arten and Tracy Cable

Dea **Tracy Cable**

9:07pm Apr 10

frien Dear friends, family, and co-workers,  
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This year my Walgreens community will be participating in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. The Relay is a unique way to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. I am honored to be a team captain this year. Cancer has affected us all in one way or another. I have chosen to participate this year because of how cancer has affected my life. Cancer took my aunt last July, and a dear friend from high school about 5 years ago.

The Relay For Life is an all night walk/run event involving teams who will keep at least one member on the track for a scheduled period of time. The Relay will take place at the Pelham Elementary School on 61 Marsh Road, Pelham, NH from 2 pm on June 9th to 8 am on June 10th. Hundreds of people will be joining in the fight against cancer.

I hope you will support me in my efforts and join and/or donate to my team. To join, go to this link: [http://www.facebook.com/l/HAQG2d7kgAQGKY0PhzVvJ4SfaFIOimg2ZcoADTWtDmI0wLQ/main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr\\_id=39903&team\\_id=1172842](http://www.facebook.com/l/HAQG2d7kgAQGKY0PhzVvJ4SfaFIOimg2ZcoADTWtDmI0wLQ/main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=39903&team_id=1172842)  
If you have any questions, don't hesitate to send me a message!

Thank you for your support,  
Tracy

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Elder De Olivera is getting married July 7th to Andrea Peterson. Picture below:



Monday is a holiday in MA. It's Patriots Day so Heather and I both have the day off, but Julia has a regular seminary/school day. I plan to get some things done, like get a landfill permit for the new van, haul branches to the dump, get the A/C ready, do the budget, etc. It's supposed to get up to 90 degrees on Monday, not a good day for all those people running the Boston Marathon.

Sunday was our ward conference.

I breathed a sigh of relief Friday evening. The car stuff is all done for this year. All cars are registered and inspected. The van has had its front and rear bumpers repainted by the dealer. It's all done! That has been weighing on my mind for months now, knowing that the van would need to be replaced. We have been greatly blessed to have found a good replacement vehicle that fit into our budget. Blessings are all around. We just need to learn to recognize them.

We were given a snow blower on Saturday. Mr. John Hargreaves (house next to Dechenes) came over in the morning asking if we would be interested in their old working snow blower. It's one they purchased from Hammer Hardware in 1988. Since it was getting so old they decided to buy a new one last fall. The old one still works so now we have a snow blower. Maybe it will snow next winter so we can use it. Another blessing!

Julia went on a Priest Laurel activity Saturday. They went by bus to Albany, NY for a regional Priest/Laurel activity with mini classes and a dance. Julia was a little worried about the whole thing because she just barely turned 16. They left at 5:30 AM and got back to the church at midnight. She had a very enjoyable time and was glad she went.

Bradford came over Sunday afternoon and did laundry, ate dinner, played games with Heather and Julia, and then went to spend time with Amy. It's always nice to have our children drop by. We're very happy that Bradford won't be moving away. He got a job at a company in Burlington, MA and will be starting there about May 7th. That means he is staying in the area.

Okay... now it's Monday morning. Since I have the day off I decided to do my first-of-the-season bike ride in Mine Falls Park. I just got back a few minutes ago. I haven't ridden in there since last October, which was before the big snow storm that knocked our power out for 4 days. There are a lot of trees down, but the parks department has cleaned off the trails so nothing is in the way. Normally this time of year there is a lot of water in the Nashua River, but the levels are really low. It looks like what you normally see in August. There is no spring run off this year.

There's a big "scary" spider crawling across the floor in front of the file cabinet. If Rachel were here she'd be screaming and crying. She is terrified of spiders. Last week on Easter during dinner she looked up and saw a spider on the ceiling above the hutch and started screaming. She ran out of the kitchen into the living room crying. The spider was removed

and then she calmed down. Kind of amusing to watch, but not fun for her.

I think I mentioned to you in the past how I resumed that project for Mandy of recording videos off of Beta tapes to digital files using my video capture card in awesome-beast.

Well, that has turned into a learning process on how to edit video. So far it isn't working very well. Whenever I edit the resulting video file the audio and video get out of sync.

Video is complicated with all the various formats. I've always kind of avoided it. I'm trying one more thing. My guess is that the problem is occurring right at recording time; that my video capture card and the PC it is in aren't working well together. I have an extra 80 GB hard drive that I just put in the PC. I freshly formatted it this morning so there is absolutely nothing on it. I've shut down all extra processes on the PC so that nothing extra is running at all. I'm recording again. I'm hoping that by optimizing the hardware like this that the captured video file will have no corruption problems. Time will tell. :)

It's the 116th running of the Boston Marathon today. Brother Rob VanUeiter from our ward is running today. He is raising money for cancer research. Bishop Nelson's brother-in-law is also running the marathon today. He and his family stayed with the Nelsons this weekend and attended church. I have absolutely zero desire to run a marathon myself. My feet wouldn't hold up to that abuse. I like riding bicycles.

Elder Stephens who has been serving in our ward since last July is being transferred this Thursday back to Connecticut. He only has six weeks left and then will be going home. He is actually being transferred back to his very first area. We are sorry to see him leave. He has done such a great job here. He and Elder Jones were here together for a long time. Missionaries are awesome.

Well... that's it for now. Sorry that this email has been so unorganized. I just kind of wrote down whatever came into my mind, and I'm sure that I've forgotten some things.

Love you,

Dad

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