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## A letter from Dad: May 7, 2012

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### FACEBOOK STUFF:

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Hello Dear Phillip,

Somehow last week I forgot to wish you HAPPY BIRTHDAY in my email to you. I had been remembering your birthday coming up, but somehow missed the fact that I needed to tell you last Monday. So, I'll just do a belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY today instead. I hope you were able to celebrate in some way.

### MOTHERS DAY CALL:

We need to nail down the arrangements for the call. I'd really like to do another Skype call if possible. According to Joyce that would have to be on Saturday, May 12th.

What times would work for you? Saturday is a really busy day for us. Joyce has Craft and Chat in the morning. There is a wedding reception in the afternoon for Morgan Noel. I have a Merrimack Band concert in the evening and Julia has a concert she is performing in as well. I have to be there at 7 PM. Anyway, the details for this call need to be set up today. Let's be sure to agree on what we're doing.

### OTHER STUFF:

We had a lovely spring Sabbath day today. Joyce went out to Peterborough to attend their meetings and also train the new Relief Society presidency out there. Julia and I picked up Rachel and then went to our own ward. Rachel finished up her final exams last Thursday and is home in Nashua until after Labor Day in September. It was testimony meeting today. There wasn't enough time for all the people that wanted to

get up. Our ward always seems to be that way, lots of people wanting to share their testimonies.

Joyce and Julia have been taking care of the Potters' cats this past week and will through Saturday. The Potters are on a long cruise in Europe. Joyce and Julia enjoy going over to the Potters', but it does take a chunk out of each day.

I went home teaching at the Carls on Sunday and we had a very nice visit. I missed the last two months and feel bad about that. I need to do better at home teaching. It has always been a struggle for me for some reason. Brother Carl and Brother Fry are both looking for work. Their jobs with Dell only last through the end of June. They were the object of my Fast this past Sunday. It would be helpful if you can remember them in your prayers.

Bradford was at the house when we got home from church. He was doing laundry, a lot of laundry. He starts his new job tomorrow and is quite excited about it. I hope he finds it interesting and challenging. He stayed for dinner and then he, Heather, and Julia played some games. There is a picture attached of that.

Joyce mentioned a puzzle of Nauvoo that they put together a couple weeks ago. Attached is a picture of the completed puzzle.

The other picture is a bit strange I'll admit. Why a picture of a Listerine bottle? Well... I asked Joyce if we had any Listerine mouthwash because I wanted to soak my saxophone reeds in a water/mouthwash solution. I read that that extends the life of the reeds. She went into our storage area and pulled out this glass bottle. Now, it has been many many years since any company shipped product in glass bottles. There was hardly any left as well. So, before recycling the bottle I thought a picture was needed.

Saturday I finished the big video project for Mandy. The 15 Beta tapes ended up being 64 GB of video files and took 17 DVDs. I learned a lot doing that project. I put all the DVDs into a box and will be mailing them to Mandy on Monday.

On Saturday I also finished another project. The full time Elders in our ward wanted to learn Spanish. So, Joyce picked up the Pimsleur Latin American Spanish course from the library. Unfortunately they only had the cassette tape version available. I recorded all 32 lessons to the computer and converted them to mp3 files. Then I burned them to a single CD and gave a copy to each Elder. Someday I'll probably go through that course as well. However, my goal right now is to go through the Egyptian Arabic course completely and then review it as many times as I can before my next trip to Cairo in July. After that I'll start studying the Portuguese Pimsleur course. Maybe I'll be able to say a few things to you when you come home.

Saturday evening Joyce, Julia, and I went to the high school to attend the NHSS Drama Club's performance of "All Shook Up." It was very enjoyable to watch the high school kids perform that musical. Garrett Hawkins was in charge of all the lighting design. It was a very fun evening and I'm glad we went. A friend of Julia's went with us and that was nice too.

Winston is doing a lot better. I'll let Joyce give the rundown on all of that.

It's Monday morning. I'm back from the gym and Joyce and I dropped off the Toyota at Hanson's. I've decided that after a couple summers of no AC that I want the AC fixed in the Toyota. Hopefully it won't break the bank. It seems like AC problems are always about \$800. Ouch.

Time to begin the work week. I hope you have a good P-day. I pray the Lord to watch over you and bless you.

Love,

Dad

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