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## A letter from Dad: 4 June 2012

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**Dheylla Lorrany**

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Saindo aquiii mais tarde tem INSTITUTO com as Divas SUD [Ayla Soares](#) [Francinete Oliveira](#) [Nadia Silva](#) e os elders [Elder Phillip Larsen](#) e Elder Correia !! Sei láaa mais tomara que esse negócio preste rsrsrsrs que seja oq Deus quiser!!! :D

Hello Dear Phillip,

Fast and Testimony Meeting Sunday. It was a nice meeting. I enjoyed the testimonies that were born.

Saturday evening we had the missionaries over for dinner. While we were talking in the living room the Elders' cell phone rang and Elder Piacitelli slipped out to take the call. He must have wandered into your old bedroom because when the call was done and he came back, he was carrying two swords! He and Elder Winegar thought they were awesome and posed for some fighting pictures. I then told them about the war hammer and retrieved it from the shed. Other people took pictures of that, but I didn't get any.

Last Monday was Memorial Day here as we mentioned last week. Early in the day we attended the annual Memorial Day parade on Main Street. I didn't really take many pictures. I took videos of all the bands. The old guy with the bent back that plays the saxophone in the veteran band was still there. As you should remember, he is on the calendar that I sent you over a year ago. After the parade we made our annual Memorial Day visit to Woodlawn Cemetery to visit Stanford's grave. In the afternoon we went to the Burgess' home. The BBQ at the Burgess's was very well attended. I

think that is the most people they have ever had. The weather was perfect. Attached are a bunch of pictures of that. If you look closely at the pictures of the missionaries you'll be able to tell that they were soaking wet. They had been participating in the front yard water fight that always takes place. Later in the evening they came over to our house (dried off of course) so that Elder Godfrey could say goodbye. He finished up his mission and went home last Thursday. We had a nice visit with him and ate ice cream (of course). Elder Winegar replaced him.

I think Joyce mentioned last week how the scouts in our ward have a fund raiser involving setting up American flags. I took a picture of the flag in the front yard that they set up a few days before the holiday and took down a few days after. They will be putting it back up for flag day, which is June 14th. Then they will again for Independence Day, July 4th. I'm not sure what the next holiday is, either Labor day, but I think it is Veterans Day on Nov 11th.

Your cousin Jimmy Larsen was married on Saturday, June 2nd. That's an awesome thing.

Egypt trip. It is looking more definite that we will be going back to Egypt on Thursday, July 12th. We'll be there for a week. I'm up to lesson 28 of the Pimsleur Egyptian Arabic language program. There are only 30 lessons, so I'll finish that up soon. Then I'll start reviewing them, one during the morning commute and one during the evening commute. I'll be able to get through all of them again in 15 days that way. I'm kind of excited to return to Egypt just to be able to try speaking to the people there.

We watched one of the Marvell Comic movies Saturday evening, "Iron Man". There was a scene in there where the main character gets captured by insurgents in Afghanistan. The leader of the insurgents walks up and says loudly, "Ah a len wah seh helen!" It surprised me because I understood what he said, which was "Welcome!" I understood some other Arabic words during the show, but the Afghan dialect is different than the Egyptian dialect. It was fun to understand even a little though.

The "Check Engine Soon" light came on in Heather's car last Thursday evening when she was driving home from work. That was kind of disappointing because the car was running fine. She took her car to Auto Zone, bought the Haynes manual for her car, and Auto Zone has the diagnostic code readers that they let people use for free. She got the code and then searched online for that code to understand what was going on. It was a general "Emissions Control System" error. Other people said that code can happen if the gas cap hasn't been put on tightly enough, and it can take three or four car warm up and cool down cycles before the light goes out. Encouraged by that Heather tightened the gas cap and simply continued driving for a few days. The light went out. That's a relief.

Bradford's car now has air conditioning! This has happened in stages. A few months back he had the AC itself worked on and spent about \$800 to get it all working, but there was still a problem with the AC control. The AC repair guy proved that the AC itself was working fine. Bradford finally took the car into the dealer and it turns out the heater/AC control panel needed to be replaced. He had that done along with getting the door lock cylinders fixed. That was another \$800 or \$900. So now he has everything working fine. His car is a 2003 Honda Civic. He is hoping that it keeps working for another 3 years. If it does then he feels he will have gotten his money's worth out of the repairs. That means all the cars in our family have working AC except my Toyota. That's a complete reversal from a year ago when the Saturn had working AC.

I'm plowing my way through the beta video tape conversion project. I've recorded to computer 60 tapes now. There are 93 numbered tapes and Joyce found 4 or 5 more that aren't numbered, so about 98 total. Wow! That's a lot of tapes. I've done the video rendering for 37 of them so far. That's the more time consuming part because I have to work my way through 4.5 hours of video per tape finding the beginning of the show, removing the commercials, and finding the end. Once the whole tape has been processed like that then I start the rendering process which usually takes about 8 hours. Joyce and I were looking at all the VHS tapes this morning, and I figure that I'll need to do that same for some of those. We have a lot of purchased VHS tapes that I'll probably convert to DVD. This project is going to take a year.

Seminary officially ended last Friday. This week there is "extended seminary", which will be lots of movies and fun. The Nashua 1 kids all want to attend that and some of the N2 kids too. Seminary graduation is Sunday, June 10th.

Well, that kind of sums it up for another week. Life moves on at an ever increasing pace. I'm sure you feel it happening there too. Keep working hard! Your remaining mission time is short and precious.

Love you,

Dad

ps. I'll forward Elder Mike Scott's first email home from his mission in Colorado.

pps. The pictures are split up over two emails so that they will for sure get to you.

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