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A letter from Dad: 11 June 2012

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Hello Dear Phillip,

We got back from church about an hour ago. We attended the annual Seminary Graduation at the Stake Center. The Air Conditioning isn't working in the building and the chapel got very warm. I fell asleep during most of the talks. For the last several weeks contractors have been doing a lot of work on the Nashua building. The roof has been a problem for several years with leaks occurring and causing damage inside. They have done a complete replacement of the roof. Because of that they had to remove all the AC equipment. It is all back in place now, but it isn't yet hooked up. They are still doing work on the lower roofs. Hopefully they will get the AC working before next weekend, because that is Stake Conference.

In Sacrament meeting Bishop Nelson handed out a bunch of seminary awards. A certificate of completion was given to each student. There was also a "gospel scholarship award" given to those students that memorized all 25 scripture mastery scriptures and read the Old Testament or at least all the assigned reading in the OT.

Then there was the "perfect attendance" and the "100% attendance". The difference is that "perfect attendance" means exactly that, the student didn't miss a single day.

100% attendance means the student made up for any missing days. Julia got the perfect attendance award, which is quite amazing when you think about it. She didn't miss a single day. A lot of parental support is required to be able to do that.

On the beta video project front I'm still plugging away. I'm currently recording tape 72 using the video capture card in awesome-beast. That's a lot of tapes already recorded. There are about 92 total, so I'm closing in. I'll finish up in the next two weeks with that part of it. The rendering of videos takes longer because I have to edit each file to remove the commercials from the shows and then do the rendering. Tape 51 just finished up and I got tape 52 rendering. I usually only get one tape rendered per day. Sometimes I can get two in and sometimes it takes two days to get one.

The Toyota has some rust on the rocker panels where rocks have banged through the paint. I finally took the car to Reno's Autobody to get an estimate. On the 18th I'll drop the car off to have the work done. It will cost about \$653 to get both rocker panels fixed. Hopefully that will make the car last longer.

Saturday morning the Fletchers moved from Royal Crest where they were renting to Ledgewood where they bought a condo. I went and helped along with about 20 other brethren including the 6 missionaries. At 10:20 AM I left that activity and came home to wake up Julia and also get all my stuff ready for the Stake YM/YW activity. Julia and I needed to be at the church by noon to start setting everything up. This was a computer intensive activity. In the Relief Society room they had 12 laptops setup for groups of kids to use. In the Primary room that had more laptops setup there for a different activity. I ended up running separate ethernet lines to both rooms. I then installed wireless routers (like tomato) in both rooms. These routers were connected directly to the Comcast cable modem bypassing the church's firewall. That arrangement worked just fine. I was worried about how it would work. It isn't something that could be tested in advance because I don't have enough wireless devices to try it out. So, I made my best guess on how to do it and overcome the bottlenecks that we have often experienced. This activity was the one that Julia was responsible for in SYC. The kids all seemed to enjoy it and that made Julia feel good.

I think I mentioned in a previous email about shredding old budget file folders. I've been working my way through that project too. i kind of time multiplex that with the video project. It takes 30 minutes to copy a video file from awesome-beast to zippy. While that is going on I get the next tape ready to record by rewinding it and scanning the index card that Joyce has for each tape that tells what is on it. Then I shred budgets until the shredder overheats. I'm able to get through about 8 budget folders per day. As I've gone through these folders I have found a few interesting things. I've found some letters from my parents from the late 80s. One thing I found that seemed so odd and out of place was an original of my patriarchal blessing. I have this vague recollection that my Mom gave it to me on one of our Utah trips. It was in the budget folder that had the expense list for one of the Utah trips. I think she must have given me the copy that they had. Anyway it was really weird to stumble across that.

The scouts should be setting up the flag again this week. Flag day is June 14th.

Monday morning now. Back from the gym and just finished cutting the "grass". I have a chiropractor appointment this morning at 9:50 AM so I won't be at my desk when you're online today. I'd better get showered and ready to leave. I trust that all is going well with you and that you're loving the work. Heavenly Father assigned you to the right mission. I don't think you would have grown as much had you been in Europe like I was. Keep the faith! Keep putting in your best efforts! The Lord will continue to bless you.

Love,

Dad

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