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A letter from Dad: 6 Aug 2012

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Hello Dear Phillip,

We are greatly enjoying our AC today and this past week. Today (Sunday) we had some terrific rainstorms. On Saturday we had awesome lightning storms and torrential downpour. The power went out and stayed out for about 2 hours. It came back on just as we were leaving for Hayward's Ice Cream stand. While it was out Emmy and I walked around the loop and down to Main Dunstable to get a sense of how wide spread the outage was. As is often the case, the opposite side of Conant Road had power as did McKenna (the street behind Sagamore). It looked like power was out all through Westgate Village and both directions on Main Dunstable. We heard about six generators going. I didn't get our generator out because it would have been a pain unpacking the shed to get it out. I figured I'd just wait until morning and get it out then if needed. Fortunately it wasn't needed.

Today (Sunday) is Stanford's birthday. He would have been 24 today. I bore my testimony today in Fast and Testimony Meeting. Saturday I had gone to the cemetery and spent a few minutes there thinking about all of this. In my testimony I talked about how strange a thing "time" is. Joyce and I moved here with Heather and Bradford 27 years ago. Stanford was born 24 years ago. Phillip will be home from his mission in 4 weeks. Bradford is engaged to be married. I explained how grateful I am for the Savior's Atonement that makes the resurrection possible and the glorious reunion with loved ones possible. I was the first person up after Brother Hann opened the testimony portion of the meeting. It was a good thing that I was already on the stand because as I stood there about ten people walked up and sat on the stand. It was a good meeting.

Julia and Emmy had an awesome time at EFY. Joyce and MaryAnn left about 5:00 AM to drive to Amherst to pick them up and Cooper Noel as well. When they got back Cooper stayed around for several hours waiting for a ride. During that time they played lots of games. Joyce and MaryAnn took naps. They've been "partying" hard this past week and were tuckered out. Joyce has been having fun organizing her room. It looks like a yarn shop! She has been able to empty out the huge temporary pile in the living room. It filled half the living room at one point, but now it is down to two baskets and two bags. She's also been moving stuff off the shelves by my computers.

YW camp is this week. Julia will be going up late because she wants to spend the time with Emmy until they leave on Wednesday morning. Joyce and Julia will go up to camp Wednesday morning. I'll be going up Wednesday evening and staying for 24 hours. That's a good way to use a vacation day. I'd be bumping up against the vacation limit in two paychecks anyway.

So... I'm assuming that you received Bradford's email about how he and Amy are getting married! Joyce talked with Bradford for a few minutes the evening of the email. It sounds like they are planning a wedding in the spring. We don't know any more details than that. Bradford will be coming over Monday evening for a birthday celebration in memory of Stanford, so we'll probably get more info then. Bradford is at a lake house with friends this past weekend so he didn't come over yet. Anyway, it is pretty cool that he and Amy have made this decision. Joyce and I were wondering what kind of wedding they will have. Will it be a justice of the peace? Will it be some religious person? We simply don't know.

I'm plowing my way through VHS tapes now. I've captured 25 of them so far. After several false starts and learning from mistakes I finally have a method that is repeatable and working well. Capturing a commercial VHS tape is pretty easy. There is very little editing to do. I'm making DVDs of several of them. The DVD authoring process has become a lot easier now too because I'm very familiar with the tools. The goal is to have all VHS tapes gone and all the Beta tapes too.

Sister Jeans and her Counselors were released today and a new YW presidency was called. Sister Hood is the President. Sister Fox McNeil is the 1st Counselor. A newly moved in sister is the second counselor and Sister Groves is the secretary. As I mentioned recently, they Primary Presidency was also just reorganized. Brother Fry has been called as the Ward Executive Secretary, so they will need to change the YM presidency very soon too. Lots of changes, but that also brings lots of new energy into the programs. Sister Potter was really sad to be released. She loves serving with the YW. She did a great job.

We received a wedding announcement for Jake Carroll. I scanned it and attached it. Yes... that is a real live bug in the announcement picture. I didn't notice it until afterwards and then looked on the scanner glass. Sure enough! it was still crawling around. I figured it added a nice touch to the announcement.

We've watched a lot of the 2012 London Olympic Games this past week. Because of that we've gotten to bed quite late many evenings. Those athletes are simply amazing. It is fun to watch someone who is the best in the world at what they do. Are you an Olympic Missionary? I think so.

Well... it is getting late again. I have a regular work day tomorrow so I need to be heading myself in that direction.

Keep the faith!

Love you,

Dad

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