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A letter from Dad: 20 Aug 2012

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Hello Dear Phillip,

Sunday, 8:53 PM. Dinner is over. Bradford left a few minutes ago. He spent the night Saturday to Sunday because he was exhausted from the Saturday move.... I should start at the other end of the week. Let's see.... what happened this week? Hmmmm.... Monday was FHE. From my perspective, Tuesday through Thursday were just regular days. Joyce and Julia were taking care of Potter cats during this week. Joyce had Stake Council meeting Thursday. Julia had mutual Wednesday evening and she and I watched the ending of Disney's "Aladdin" when she got home and then all of "Anastasia" while the video capture was being done. I had never watched that movie before.

Friday evening was a milestone event. The Larsen family and the Lee family gathered for dinner at the Szechuan Chef restaurant in North Chemsford. I've attached 4 pictures of that event. I was hoping that Amy Lee would send me some of the pictures that she took, but that hasn't happened yet. In the pictures you see Amy, her mother "Julia", her sister-in-law "Jia", her brother "Han", and her father "Daniel". Han graduated from NHS in 1997. He and his wife live in Korea where he is attending school. They have been there 3 years. We had a very enjoyable evening together. It was different than I expected, much better and not at all awkward. The food was very good too. The restaurant is owned by a family friend. It has been in operation for over 20 years. Just as we were finishing up dinner a powerful thunderstorm moved in and it started raining buckets. That made for an interesting time getting into cars.

Now that Bradford and Amy are officially engaged they have decided to follow the ways of the world and move into an apartment together. We don't approve of this arrangement, but it is their decision and is very much in line with the moral values of society. When Bradford told us a week ago Monday after the candle race that this was happening, Joyce kindly let him know that it wasn't the right order of things. He said, "I know." However, that's the reality of the situation. So, this past Friday Bradford borrowed our minivan and he and Amy moved some of her stuff into their new apartment. Friday evening was the dinner and then Bradford stayed at our house that night.

Early Saturday morning I drove Bradford to the U-Haul center by the mall and he got a 14 foot truck. We then drove to his current apartment in Arlington where we were met by his friends Tom and Sarah. The four of us loaded up almost everything in his Arlington apartment into the U-Haul and fragile stuff in the minivan. About 2:00 PM we drove over to the new place in Westford. The apartment is awesome as you can see from the attached pictures. The complex is a bunch of converted mill buildings. The builder just finished up in the last few weeks and people are starting to move in. Bradford and Amy are some of the first to move in. I'll give a brief explanation of the pictures.

In picture 1334 my back is up against the windows shown in picture 1337. This shows the living room and the kitchen that is in the other end. You can see the stairway that goes up into the bedroom. The ceilings are about 17 feet high. Picture 1335 is the same view but the camera is rotated 90 degrees.

Picture 1336 is from the other corner of the window wall and shows the stairway better. The door in

the middle of the far wall is the door to the apartment. The stairway goes up to the bedroom (pictures 1344, 1345, 1346). There is another room under the bedroom on the same level as the living room (pictures 1347, 1348, 1349). This is the room where Amy's grand piano will go.

Pictures 1337, 1338, 1339, and 1340 are taken from the other end near the apartment door.

Pictures 1341, 1342, and 1343 are from the top of the stairs looking into the living room.

Picture 1351 is from the hallway looking into the apartment and Amy is waving.

Picture 1352 is Amy in the long hallway looking in one direction.

Picture 1353 is the hallway in the other direction. It opens up into a very large and spacious common area shown in pictures 1354 and 1355.

Pictures 1356 and 1358 are of Bradford backing the U-Haul into a loading zone.

Picture 1357 is the outside of the building. Their unit is on the bottom and stretches over the left 2 and 1/2 windows. A closer view is in picture 1364.

Pictures 1359, 1360 and 1361 are other shots of the building.

Pictures 1362 and 1363 are the across the bridge and show the streets nearby.

Amy met us at the new place and helped unload. Their new king sized bed is ordered but won't be delivered until this Thursday. Bradford's old queen sized bed (only 3 years old) is now back in the basement bedroom where you will be staying. The old bunk bed has been taken apart. The new mattress that we recently purchased for it was used by MaryAnn Wilson during her visit, but now we'll put it on Julia's bed and replace the old mattress that she has been using. So, you'll have a pretty comfortable queen size bed to sleep on when you get home. Bradford has borrowed our queen size air mattress and electric air pump so he'll have something to sleep on until the new bed arrives. It was my idea for him to use the air mattress. At first his plan was to set his old queen size bed up for a few days and then borrow the van to move it to our house. I suggested to the air mattress so that we could use the U-Haul to move the mattress. That worked out well so now we don't have to deal with yet another bed move.

I keep steadily working on the VHS video capture to computer project. So far I've recorded 73 commercially made tapes. There are about 40 more of those and then about 50 tapes that Joyce has recorded. It seems like the project will never end. Plus, at some point Aunt Lori will start sending me the VHS-C tapes that she has made on her camcorder and I'll start plowing through those. That will be the higher priority project.

Saturday evening there was a baptism of a man who has been investigating the church for over a year. It was a wonderful thing to see. The Blanchette family has been very instrumental in fellowshipping him over the past year. Sister Blanchette spoke on baptism at the baptism and described how close her family is to him. He would eat dinner there several times a week and had many missionary discussions taught there. He has faithfully come for months. I had been asked to play at the baptism. That made for a full Saturday.

Julia is sucking my brain out through her hands as I type. I don't know if I'll have amnesia what am I doing? What is my name? Oh my, I can't remember anything.

Love,

Anonymous

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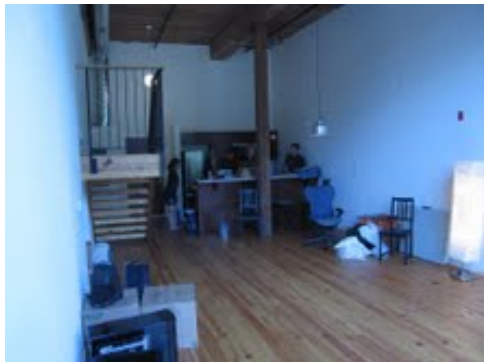
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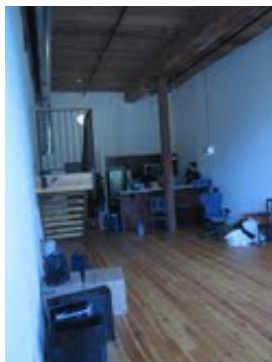
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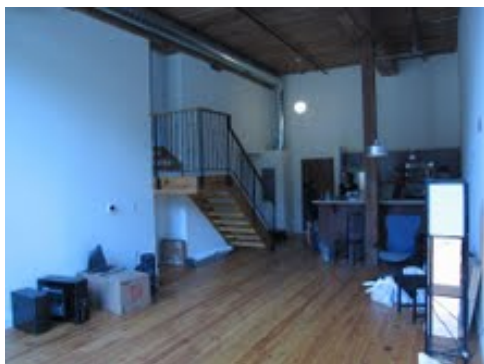
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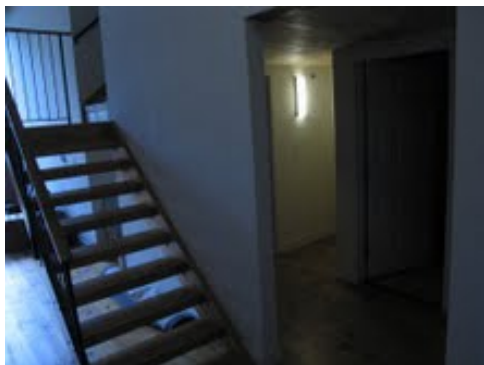


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