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101001: Letter to Phillip

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Hello Dear Son,

I don't remember the cutoff time for letters, so you might get this on Monday. I'm eating lunch right now at work so thought I'd try to dash off a letter.

It's very busy at work right now. We're trying to get ready for an important demo of the 72B, the project I've been working on steadily for the last 18 months, and actually started working on back in 2006. The demo is on Oct 21st.

I was thinking about your visa situation and had the following impressions come into my mind. The overall conclusion I came to was that it doesn't matter at all whether it comes in soon or late, or even not at all. Heavenly Father knows the end from the beginning. Things happen for a reason. One could ask himself, "If I'm supposed to serve in Brazil and was called there by a prophet of God, why hasn't my visa come through?"

Well, that is our narrow perspective. There are many possible reasons why it has gone the way it has. Maybe you needed to really go to the Provo MTC because there are people there that you need to know. Maybe your visa was delayed because something would have happened in Brazil had you been there at the wrong time.

What if you get sent stateside for awhile like Ricky? Maybe Heavenly Father knows there are people that you need to find elsewhere.

What it all comes down to is being willing to serve Heavenly Father wherever He arranges for you to be. He has children waiting and ready everywhere in the world. The opportunity to serve is everywhere.

The Lord issues callings through his servants. Sometimes these callings send people to places that they didn't want to go. The willingness of the person called to serve brings the blessings.

So, I encourage you and all the other missionaries there waiting for visas to simply not worry about it! Serve the Lord where you are! The harvest is ready.

Gary Cardone from work is coming to band practice this evening. He plays guitar and is interested. This has been a two or three week process getting him to the point where he is coming. I hope it works out well and that he enjoys his association with a bunch of Mormons. The dance is two weeks from today. I'm taking a vacation day on Friday the 15th to help with all the setup and sound checks.

Well... I need to get back to work now. I hope everything is going well for you.

Love,

Dad

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