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## A letter from Dad: 18 July 2011

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To: Phillip Larsen <phillip.larsen@myldsmail.net>

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Hello Dear Phillip,

Other Facebook friend requests that I haven't accepted:

Laisa Sanna

Luciana Carvalho N Ferreira

Melissa Gonzales

Jhoselin Vargas

Another Facebook friend request: "Sarah Marsh", some girl born in 1982. I couldn't see any way that you would know this person, but you have about 17 friends in common. Her interests are "Eating and Partying"

### RESPONSE TO YOUR EMAIL FROM LAST WEEK:

I'm glad you enjoyed the calendar. I included a bathtub picture in July 2012 because it was a fun memory.

When I was on my mission I really enjoyed zone conferences, weekly district meetings, all mission conferences, any time that we had a group of us together. You draw strength from being together.

We'll find out in your email tomorrow if you were transferred or not. You have a good attitude about it. There were some areas that I liked better than others, but I was always sad to leave an area.

I found "Garden Walls" on youtube. I don't know who did the song, but a girl named Mindy Gledhill put a video with it. This is what she wrote: "I made this video for an Atonement Project in my Book of Mormon class. This is one of my favorite songs about the Atonement. I feel the pictures and words really help to bring out it's meaning." I have listened to it several times. It is beautiful. So you have an mp3 of this? I tried to make a recording of it on the laptop, but for some reason that input source isn't available on the laptop. I'll have to do it at home.

Reading "A Day of Passing" all at once is a difficult thing to do emotionally. I have to be carefull so that I don't get into a "Pitty Party" when I read that. It is still a hard thing and I expect that it will be always. There are great lessons there too. We must live by faith. Stanford had great faith and a great testimony. I'm working at having his kind of faith. I miss him.

#### NEW STUFF FROM THE PAST WEEK:

I have attached a bunch of pictures from our New Mexico trip. We brought the laptop with us and it has been very useful to have our own computer. The first pictures are of us arriving in the Albuquerque airport. That was Friday evening. We got in about 6:30 PM and Emmy arrived at the airport shortly after we got our bags and met us there. Maryann then drove us all over to the car rental place and then we headed over to their house. We slept in Saturday and had a lazy day. Miranda finished all her course work for her GED and has officially graduated! As a celebration we went to a very spiffy restaurant called "High Finance". To get there you take a Tram up to the top of the Sandia mountains. There are a bunch of pictures of that adventure. Sunday we went to church, which started at 8:00 AM. The last three pictures are from church. I don't know if you remember Brother and Sister Kearsley from the Merrimack Ward, but they moved out here about the same time as the Wilsons and they ended up in the same ward. We had a nice visit with them after the meeting block and took a couple of pictures. The last picture was taken outside the chapel.

It is a real testimony to the truthfulness of the gospel that we can come 2500 miles and attend a church that is teaching exactly the same thing as at home, is organized the same way, and is lead by the same priesthood. And you are experiencing the same thing many thousands of miles away.

We have planned out the week and will be seeing lots of places. I won't go into any details right now because it will be better with pictures later.

I had a Skype call with Jon Wilson Sunday afternoon. He is in Virginia doing an internship this summer. He sounded good. His internship ends August 12th and he wants to come to the Nashua area for a week and wondered if we could provide a place for him. I told him that we would be happy to provide a place for him "to land." Joyce was very happy to do this too. We will make some progress on moving things around. We'll get Bradford's old room cleaned out, get the bed out of your old room, and get it set up in the "guest" room (Bradford's old room). We'll be able to provide a place for Jonathan and possibly work it out so that he has access to a car as well. He doesn't drive a stick shift, so maybe I'll drive the Saturn to work those days and let him drive the Toyota. Time will tell. For a few days there we will have both Jonathan and Emmy living with us! That will be fun.

The bishopric still hasn't been changed. Joyce texted Rachel Sunday afternoon and found that out. Joyce doesn't think it will happen next Sunday either because President Coopriider will be out of town. So, it might be on July 31st, the last day Jeremy is in town. There will be a farewell open house for the McFaddens hosted at the Noels on the 31st.

I love you very much. Keep working hard and the Lord will bless you.

Dad

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