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## A letter from Dad: 14 May 2012

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Hello Dear Phillip,

Once again it is Sunday evening, and later that I had hoped to be starting an email. It has been a delightful Mother's Day for your dear sweet mother. The highlight of the weekend was your Skype call on Saturday. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the call. You were looking great and I could tell that you were enjoying where you were and what you are doing. That is awesome.

I think I told you about making a CD of the Pimsleur Spanish language tapes for our local missionaries. Well, I gave them a CD a week ago Sunday, but found out today that the CDs weren't working in their car. That's where they want to play them. I figured that the problem must be because the bit rate of the mp3 files was not supported by their car CD player. So I burned a different set of CDs and they came by this evening to try them out. Those didn't work either. So, I tried making just a regular audio CD and that worked. So, I burned the first 14 lessons on 7 CDs and gave them those. Now I'm burning the rest of the lessons to CDs so they'll have the full set. Kind of annoying that their CD player doesn't handle mp3s. The owner's manual said it does.

I'm in the middle of the big "beta tape to mp4" conversion project. Last week I ordered an internal 2TB drive for zippy and an external 2TB drive as a backup drive for the work I do on the big internal drive. I'm recording all the beta tapes one at a time using awesome-beast. A tape turns into a 12.5 GB file. I copy that over to the new 2TB drive in zippy. Then I use the video editor to remove advertisements from the shows and render the final mp4. I'm recording the tapes as fast as I can, which is one in the morning and one in the evening. We have about 86 tapes all together. This is going to take a long time, but I have a routine down now so it isn't learning anymore, it's just doing.

So... back to Mother's Day... Bradford, Heather, and Julia made dinner. It was awesome... steak tips, mushrooms, sweet peppers, and (gag) asparagus. After dinner we had the traditional "opening of the presents". As you can see from the pictures, Joyce got yet another electronic gadget. (go go gadget Joyce). She got a Nook e-book reader of her very own along with a nice case for it. Bradford also gave her some lovely flowers. In Young Women Julia made the apron that you see Joyce wearing. I still haven't called my Mommy yet for Mother's Day. It's getting late here too, so I'd better be doing that soon.

There.... a 42 minute telephone conversation with my Mommy.

So... in the attached pictures are some of the pine tree by the box garden that I had to remove. I took some pictures just before cutting it down and then a picture of it with no branches. I then removed the trunk in sections into the dumpster and it's all gone. I felt bad about it, but it was simply in the wrong place now.

There are a few pictures of the Skype call with you. That was a fun time.

Lastly there are pictures of Joyce enjoying Mother's day.

I need to get ready for bed now. I love you and pray for you everyday. Keep the faith.

Love,

Dad

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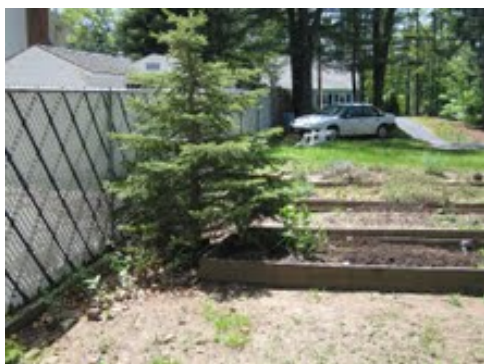
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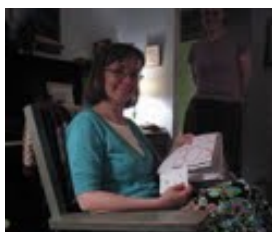
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