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## Email from Mom#2, 18 June 2012

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

Cc: John Larsen <john@larsen-family.us>

Hello, Dear Elder Phillip Larsen,

You're soon to be the only Elder Larsen in Brazil, since Ricky goes home this week. Did you get his email? He wrote a very nice testimony, and can't believe he will soon be finished with his mission.

Beverly is still with us, and they say it may be another day or so, but we'll see. I went to visit yesterday afternoon for an hour or so. She has not eaten anything for five days, and not had anything to drink for two days. Here is what Dori wrote in the Caring Bridges site (Solomon is Maggie's new baby):

Written Jun 16, 2012 7:28am by Dori McCormick

This time I don't think that Bev will have the strength to bounce back. It would seem that she is finishing things inside that need to be done before she leaves. She hasn't eaten for 2 days and is in bed. Her diet the last day consisted of meager sips of soup and a cupcake and good bowl of ice cream!!! You go, girl. Go out with joy, be led forth in peace.

We welcome any of you to come if you'd like. I believe she will know that you are here and will hear your words. Hearing is the last sense to go. Certainly she would feel your prayers from wherever you are.

She has held Solomon many, many times -

Dori

I visited this morning, again, and it reminded me a lot of when we were there with Stanford. Beverly's time is close, and when I was there yesterday, I told her that it will feel like Home when she goes. I don't know how much she understood, because she appears to be sleeping. But I told her a bit about one of the talks from Stake Conference, too. There was one talk from Pres. Evans, the Boston Mission President, on Saturday night. He quoted someone (maybe Bruce R. McConkie), who said that nothing will surprise us more when we pass through the veil to the other side as how well we know our Father, and His face will be familiar to us. This morning Beverly's sister, Barb, called from Africa and Dori put her on speaker phone so I could hear, as well as Beverly hear. And Dori had some hymns she had put on her phone, so

Beverly could hear them and be comforted and have her faith strengthened. When I left, Maggie and Solomon were there. I will likely go back later today, this evening perhaps.

Dad said in his email that the Lunds have 5 kids, which is incorrect, they have 4. Not a huge mistake (except for the extra kid!) but I thought I'd let you know. It was a fun time, and it would be nice to get together with him, and with his wife, Brenda, too, sometime.

Dad also didn't explain some of the pictures he put in his email. There is one of him and me and Ruth Wendel, because she is the one who got the scholarship this year. I was very excited, and this time, when they gave me six names, there were several who seemed like strong possibilities, then Ruth's was the last one, and I had actually thought earlier that she would be good for the scholarship. She and her parents were very excited that she got it.

The other pictures of artwork are some of Julia's artwork from a few years ago. We were cleaning out piles of things in her room, to get ready for the bureau she now has there, and these were in the piles. I asked Dad to take pictures of them, so that we could remember them, and wouldn't have to worry about keeping them when they are oversized.

Julia is now on summer vacation, and enjoying the time to relax and read and sleep (though she resents sleep), and do other fun things. She and I made a list called Summer Fun 2012, and put clip art on it, too. I like making lists, and it helps me to focus and to be calm, because I don't have to worry about forgetting things. And this way we can choose things every day that are good to do. One thing I forgot to put on the list is to practice driving with Julia. She doesn't like the idea of being in control of a "death trap", and would rather not bother, but realizes it is important. So, I guess we'll go to the High School and drive around the parking lot. We also have a lot of animal care throughout the summer, with both the Potters and the Hawkins being gone. We start that today for this week, then again in July.

Stake Conference was wonderful, and I felt the Spirit, and want to do better with things that bring me closer to Heavenly Father and Jesus. I know what those things are, just need, every day, to make them a priority, rather than try to fit them in where there might be time.

Phillip, I'm so glad you have the opportunity to teach Heavenly Father's children in Brazil, also to have your own testimony strengthened. I love you, very much. Keep doing those things to notice and feel the Spirit, and keep enjoying your mission!

Love,

Mom