

Dear Family, June 18, 1992

We're still marketing our house in NJ and have reduced the price to as low a point as we care to. It's amazing how people call about coming and then simply don't show. Sherlene cleans, dresses, cooks muffins, puts on music, and waits and waits and waits. They don't come.

We felt blessed to have Stephen Lehnardt stay there during his work internship (in Communications) at AT&T and help maintain the yard. His parents, longtime friends from NY who now live in Liberty, MO, visited for a few days last week, as Stephen was leaving. Courtney Ferderber, just back from a mission in Japan, came to the rescue & mowed our grass last week.

I'm learning in my programming work to make fewer changes at a time and then test the programs, rather than make a flood of changes, which can complicate and prolong the testing (or worse). The tortoise approach seems to support smooth and steady progress and keep the process under control.

Daniel and Laura are finishing spring term and seem to have done very well, Daniel in writing & Laura in her special topics course in social work. Laura now works at the Desert Towers cafeteria, where she finds ways to make the work amusing (or at least the people there).

I thoroughly enjoyed the BYU production of Pygmalion (w. Mom [June], Laura, & her friend Carissa). In G.B. Shaw's original version, the messages of treating and valuing people royally rather than as objects are not diluted by the wonderful music and happy ending of My Fair Lady.

Other goings on: A bit of tennis, basketball, & gardening help me keep going. Also choir: my mother was a bit shocked to be called as choir director for the first time at her age, but she prayed, read her patriarchal blessing, and soon had some ideas and inspiration to share with the music chairman and bishopric. The initial turnout was good with the feeling that real growth would follow. And guess who finds himself a regular choir goer now!

LOVE, Dan & family

Dear Family, July 14, 1992

I spent the last week of June in NJ with Sherlene, and with weeding (getting re-acquainted w. heat & humidity), sorting, and some computing (loading UNIX on a notebook computer--I have found a PC Notebook value that is far better in price & power than anything else around; besides reselling this Notebook & some other PC products on the side, I will gladly share info and computer products at my cost to anyone in the family for their use).

In NJ, we much enjoyed a terrific missionary homecoming (Suzie Stryker from the Philippines), lunch with our Pastor friend, dinner by Sherlene with the Stobaues's, and a few more homeshoppers coming to see the house. I also learned of new cases of Lyme disease among our friends in the church: the micro-organisms are carried by tiny ticks carried, in turn, by deer, of which NJ has plenty.

On the plane I sat by a Russian from Petersburg, a mathematician who is now living & giving piano lessons in Vermont. He spoke of his concern for his children's education here. I also met a food magazine editor from NYC, returning from a Chef's & food writers' convention in Aspen, CO.

While sorting books in the basement, I came across a fairly thick bio of Hitler, which I scanned some & read some, with much horror & fascination, realizing how this sleazy unfeeling egotist took over Germany and tore the world apart, taking Dad & so many other fathers to far places under arms & killing many of them. I've seen Stalin's murders tallied at 50 million, including 10-15 million Ukrainians whom he systematically starved to death. I'm not sure of Hitler's murder tally, certainly over 10 million.

Daniel & Laura are working & studying, with some occasional playing & partying. Daniel is taking Spanish, preparing the take the test for credit. Laura has 2 social work classes & a humanities course--enjoyable, but a bit much for a summer term. Sherlene will arrive in Utah next week for a break from the house selling grind.

My programming work continues with the use of MicroSoft's new C7 Compiler and programming tool. It's exciting to see the constant progress in computer power & prices & products. My 30th PHS reunion

was last Friday; it was a blast to see the friendly, familiar (after looking twice) faces & visit & observe the results of 30 years out of high school.

Mom (Bartholomew) has been swimming in apricots (bottling, juicing, etc), hosting & enjoying some wonderful friends & cousins, helping a couple before and after (her) funeral. We attend the parade (a bit slow for me) and the patriotic assembly. Elder Ballard gave a most clear & powerful talk on freedom of religion, noting that the laws of this land were originally based on God's laws & can only be preserved in the long run on that basis. Now instead of keeping religion free of government, interest groups have imposed on us a government free of religion. The music at the assembly, by Timpview HS Symphony (led by Terry Hill, an old school friend & cousin of sorts, whom I hadn't seen in years) & chorus was incredible.

LOVE Y'ALL, Dan & family

P.S.: Our pastor friend, still working to attain retirement status, had 200-300 children & adults singing "I Am a Child of God" and "Love One Another" at the end of the Summer Bible Camp. He also shared Church insights with some "AA" members meeting at his church who requested his help with a supplementary weekly bible study.

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Hope I haven't forgotten any of these college + missionary kids. Stephen is working for David. He'll be 19 in December & will decide whether to go to school or (29 days)