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Dear Family,

First, Charlotte, sorry this is hand-written, but since I crashed the hard-drive on our computer, I'm afraid to turn it on. If you want to re-type, feel free.

We're back from a five day expedition to Pa., Ohio, and West Va. We were chasing down Cankle (Kunkel) grave stones and stomping grounds. We left the three older boys here! (Warren went out to BYU for a graphics course and had a great time getting acquainted with his cousins. Nathan stayed home to hold down his summer job at Wildbirds Inn.; and Jonathan went to Goshen Scout Camp.) We took the four youngest and managed to get by on one-room motel rentals for the nights we were gone. It was an interesting trip. We found lots of helpful people along the way. I'll leave it to Barry to elaborate on the Genealogical finds. Some of his 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grandparents stones are quite eroded away. He's envisioning the time he'll have enough money to replace the markers. HEAR! HEAR!

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- There's a noteworthy cause for business success!

HOORAY! The radio station might meet its July expenses - although we do need a new antenna that will set us back about \$7500. It's always something that puts a bit of a damper on what would otherwise be WILD REJOICING!

We have been blessed in lots of ways lately. We promised our rents at our little rental that we'd try to do something about the 40 yr. old kitchen with its original 40-ton sink, NO DISHWASHER, NO COUNTER SPACE, et well, having exhausted most of our loan monies we weren't sure how we were going to accomplish the promised renovations. Well, Barry got a call from a ward member who had a neighbor redoing her kitchen. She wanted to know if we knew <sup>a charitable cause who</sup> someone who needed a 6 yr old G.E dishwasher and a

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6 yr. old gas stove. YES! US! <sup>(-3-)</sup>  
It would be a great charitable effort.  
So we got ~~the~~ beautifully maintained  
appliances and my neighbor has  
built all new cupboards and  
counters from scratch and is  
doing all the work for us at  
"neighbor rates." We have been blessed.

Another blessing — I've been stewing  
about what to do with Warren who  
spends too much time in front of  
video games. We had a client of  
Barry's (and family friends) stay  
at our house this weekend. When I  
went to the plumbing store to get a  
new tub-stopper I saw a help wanted  
ad in the window. I asked the receptionist  
what position was available and she  
said it was a full-time position. Just  
then, the owner came down with my  
part. I explained I had a 15 yr. old  
who needed part-time summer work  
and didn't he need a stock-room help?

He nodded — told me to send

him in to see him and then <sup>(4-)</sup> told  
him he could start working 20-25 hrs  
a week on Tues.!

So — Nathan, Warren, and Jonathan  
all have good summer jobs. Now —  
what can I get for Roland???

We have yet another nest of  
house finches who have laid 4 eggs in  
another of my porch hanging baskets.  
The petunias are starting to look  
quite dreadful as I hate to disturb  
the bird on her nest to water them.  
She's chosen a real quiet spot 4  
ft. from the front door where 9  
people go in and out and in and  
out all day and night long.

I'm still R. Soc. Pres. I understand  
(maybe just a big rumor) the Bishop is  
working on #4. He needs to look at the  
young, **ENERGETIC** sisters in our ward  
instead of the older worn-out, weary ones  
like ~~my~~ me! # Barry looks **GREAT**, having  
lost 17 lbs working hard on the yard and biking  
to work!

Love you all!  
Ginger