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Dear Mom and Dad,

Last night I dreamt that I was in a friend's house eating spaghetti. The thing I remember most is the spaghetti sauce. It was a really rich red color and it was absolutely loaded with hamburger and oh, man, when I woke up, I wanted that spaghetti! (Smiley Face!)

This past month has been really fantastic. We had a goal of 8 baptisms and that's exactly what we had--8 baptisms, including a complete family of 5! They are all really wonderful people, and it's just been a really sweet time.

It's really amazing the help we receive from the Lord when we do our part. This Sunday, we're going to baptize a woman named Maria Cruz(?) and her son, Edwin. Edwin is a really great teenager who reads the Book of Mormon assignments we give him, and who gives the most sincere prayers. In one of the first prayers I heard him give, he said something that almost made me burst out laughing. Something like: "Please take away these demons which walk upon us."

Actually, it can't be too far from the truth, because one of his mother's past mates seems to have the habit of returning to the house to pummel her. It's really quite scary because she has bruise marks on her neck, and I really felt so sad for her as she wept, describing how he comes and mistreats her. We told her to talk to the judge here, and we're going to do a little talking, as well.

The other day, we passed by the place where we buy tortillas, and the lady there said her hired help wanted to be baptized (a very simple, humble woman named Maria del Carmen), and we're teaching her the discussions. She will also be baptized this Sunday. As I said, the Lord is really helping us out.

I love and miss you guys a lot. I think about you guys, and I just hope you know that there isn't much I miss more (Ben and Jerry's icecream, Snickers,--just kidding! (Smiley face with outthanking tongue)).

I've been reading faithfully every day in the Book of Mormon, and I'm reaching the end of Alma. Man, how I love reading about Moroni and Teancum and how they fought for liberty. 'Really great stuff. Make sure you two read together every day, as well as privately. As missionaries, we study privately in the Book of Mormon for 30 minutes, and read it together for 15 minutes. Oh, how I love this book!

I jumped ahead to 3 Nephi while my comp was on the phone--I carry it around and read whenever I get the chance. In Chapter 21, it talks of a servant that shall be "marred." In Chapter 20,

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it talks about him as well (verses 43-45). Who is this guy? Have the prophets said anything about who he is or whatever? I'd really like to know. Dad, find out all you can about him for me. I'd really like to know who he is or if he's even come yet, or whatever.

Anyway, I hope everything is going well for you two. Take care of yourselves. Eat from all the four food groups. Stop scatchin youyr eye, Dad. Mom, go jogging for crying out loud. And stay away from those television shows. Nag, nag, nag.

Love you guys more than fudge. I miss you more than pie. Sigh. Wipe away a tear. Sniffle. Sniffle.

Your elderly son,

Daniel Bartholomew