

Dear Family:

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We have made progress on the house since our last letter. I finished painting the master bathroom. I'm also half way finished with tuckpointing (scraping out soft mortar and applying new) the chimneys. I have spent two weekends on the chimneys this month and should be finished with the job in one additional Saturday. I just need a Saturday when it doesn't rain.

We are excited about getting our home into better condition. We have purchased quite a few materials for additional improvements. I bought Charlotte a new toilet for a Mother's day present. She said the toilet was just what she wanted. We picked up ceramic tiles for the tub and shower surround on one of our dates. We also found an exceptionally good bargain last weekend on a top quality vinyl floor covering for under \$10.00 a square yard. We purchased enough to do the kitchen, dining, laundry room and 2 bathrooms. It's a neutral color with a simple square pattern so hopefully we won't get too sick of it being laid in so many rooms!

Sarah finished her vision training the early part of this month. We are all glad to have that over with. We are going to make sure that reading does not terminate with any of the children during summer vacation. We are also going to maintain a light math program for review. The kids like the computer game we have for it.

The children are looking forward to school letting out. The taste of vacation is sweet in their mouths. We went to Beverly Beach state park over Memorial weekend. We went with about 15 families from the ward. We stayed Friday and Saturday nights. It rained every day, almost all day. We really didn't mind the rain. Willis went through three pair of shoes and four pair of pants the first day. It was the wet sleeping bags that sent us home one day early. The kids had fun playing with friends. I installed a vent fan, with all the wiring, in the other bathroom yesterday.

Charlotte here. Mother's day was a sweet day for me. (Nothing like a nice new toilet to warm a mother's heart!) No seriously--the children made the most heart melting cards I'd ever recieved. I'd had one of those weeks where I had wondered if motherhood was really worth it and their cards made me smile and admit that yes, it really is--at least on some days.

Liz, thank you for the box of clothes! Sarah is in heaven in the nice "store bought" items that you sent. The dresses are beautiful and both girls are enjoying having something "new" to wear to church. I've been doing a tremendous amount of sewing and these items completed their wardrobes out nicely and lightened my sewing load! It was wonderful--Thanks!

We started reading the Old Testament to the children in January. We're moving very slowly--we're on chapter 29 of Genesis. It took us 3 1/2 years to finish the Book of Mormon! I've enjoyed the review of Adam through Isaac. We read today about Abraham sending his servant to find a wife for Isaac and how the Lord paved the way for him to find Rebecca. We discussed what a wonderful, romantic story it was and that it was a true story. After reading in the Bible, Bryan proceeded to tell the children about how he had asked the Lord to lead him to his future wife. It was a fun discussion with the children. Bryan has been very busy lately and hasn't had much time to spend with the children. A week ago however, he had break in the afternoon so he took them out for ice cream and to play at the park. It was raining but they had a ball. Hannah hurt her hand last week on the monkey bars and although I had tried to comfort her, it just wasn't quite enough. She asked to call Dad at work and after a talk with him she felt better. He's a sweet dad!

That's all for now. Love,

Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum & Willis - Weights