

Bryan Weight Family Letter/April 1987

Dear Family,

This has been a busy month for us. Bryan has been gearing up for his new job. We purchased a 1983 Honda Wagon for his work car. He put a rack on top to carry two ladders that he uses during inspections. The Honda gets much better mileage/gal. than our Chevy Wagon and it's nice to have a second car again so that I have transportation when I need it during the day.

The inspectors do their reports on IBM personal computers in their homes and then take the discs into the office the following day for printing. Bryan ordered one and picked it up last Monday. The kids were out of school last week for spring break so I hired a babysitter and spent Monday buying items to set up an office for him in a downstairs room that was my sewing room. It is a very cold room, so I found a cheap carpet remnant and laid it down to help warm the cold floor. Then I found a computer center on sale to put the computer on. I found a used desk in the want ads which we purchased and he now has a nice office area to work in. He has been working upstairs on the dining room table with kids and a wife interrupting him almost continually. We're adjusting to the fact that although Dad is home he still is "at work". It will be much easier now since he has a place to hide away.

With all these set up expenses we are scraping the bottom of the barrel of our cash reserves. We feel really blessed that we have been able to pay all the bills. Bryan has been assigned an inspection on a commercial building and an apartment complex for which he was paid even though his two months training is not complete and we feel really fortunate that he has brought home this income.

We've been looking into the possibilities of moving our family closer to Bryan's work. After talking to a mortgage company, I found out that they want at least 6 months of salary history (preferable 2 years) before they will consider loaning us money for a home purchase. I've been very anxious about getting settled somewhere before the next school year begins but I can sense that it won't be possible. It looks like we will stay here for awhile longer. Elder Wirthlin's talk was just what I needed. I need to be patient with uncertainty. I love the area which we live in but I have felt "temporary" because Bryan was without work and now that he's employed I still feel unsettled because we may move closer to his work place. I know things will work out fine but sometimes I wish I could know when and where we will put down some roots.

Enough on my hangups! I enjoyed talking to David and Karen last week and was pleased to hear things are going forward on their business venture. Nancy sounds busy with her ceramics and helping Mom open the business in Payson. Wish I could be there to see all the neat crafts! I've tried calling Sherlene but haven't caught her home. I hear that she and Dan are in Isreal and I hope they've had a wonderful trip! I talked with Virginia and she's having her own fantastic adventure living in their unfinished home. It'll be kind of sad when it's finished and the kids can't ride their bikes down the hall and use the living room as a basketball court! Bryan's parents are going to spent a week with us this month and we're really looking forward to that! We were sorry to hear of Marian's miscarriage.

Love, Bryan & Charlotte

*Labaton Charlotte + Bryan. The job is working well & he is getting into
faster on reports he has to submit on the IBM. They seem delighted into
this job which Bryan likes & has no to be paying more than he made at
Bickel. (only 12th note)*