

church has a goal to increase baptisms by 25% over last year. If this pilot program does as well as expected, the church will pay to show it on TV world wide.

We watched the program on video in church the week before general conference. The video tells several stories on how the church changed their lives. It will touch a lot of people. I had to get my hanky out several times. I think that it motivated a lot of members to take a more active role in converting their neighbors. I invited one of our neighbors over to watch the April 16th program as soon as we got home from church.

We are still house hunting, but tired of it. We looked at 7 or 8 last Saturday. So far we have only seen one that really fit our taste, but it was in the upper end of what we can afford and it only had 4 bedrooms. We came to the conclusion that we need a 5 bedroom house or one with 4 bedrooms and a den. Four bedrooms just isn't enough room for our needs. We decided that we can stop looking at 4 bedroom houses.

We found an interesting house the other day, but there is a significant amount of water in the crawl space. Being an engineer and in the inspection line of work, I think that the problem can be corrected at minimal expense. My real estate agent does not know what she is looking at and the problem looks absolutely horrible. I am quite sure that water from the downspouts is running directly into the crawl space.

There are several other things in the house that we don't care for. The layout is terrible. I think that modifications could be made without making significant structural changes. In addition, some of the easy finish work (carpet color, trim, a couple of interior doors and molding work) shows glitches. Most people don't know why they don't care for the house. For an expensive house there are just too many little things (not counting the layout) that are slightly below average. The house is about two years old.

We haven't decided whether or not to make an offer. If we do, it will be well below the asking price. The house has been vacant since September and I am told that it is owned by a relocation service company who moved the original owner. I think that they would be happy to unload it. Most of the housing market has been moving well. We would have to change elementary schools for the children and this is one reason we may not be interested. We are going to look some more in our neighborhood first.

Hyrum had his fifth birthday last month. He loved the presents from friends and family. He says that the purpose of birthdays is so that friends have to come and play. Presents are also nice, but friends are more important. He is looking forward to kindergarten next year. He is still quite small for his age, but it's nothing to worry about. He still sucks his two middle fingers and hasn't got the hang of tying his shoes. He knows how



to whistle, count to 20 and knows part of the ABC's. He wants to get married in the temple and go on a mission, just like his mom and dad.

Charlotte here. We held our quarterly Primary activity last Thursday. We had a Journey to the Promised land. We had five activity centers: 1. write on golden plates (tin foil covered cardboard sprayed gold), 2. Nephi's bow (bow and rubber tipped arrow shoot at cardboard ram and wild boar), 3. scroll--had the children color a picture of Nephi with his bow with two Book of Mormon Scriptures typed above. Then they glued tongue depressor sticks on top and bottom and rolled up like scroll, 4. Traveling through the wilderness--large furniture boxes lined up in tunnel with cardboard boat at the end of the tunnel, and 5. Snacks eaten in a tent. We were going to give the children raw meat like the Book of Mormon says they ate on their journey but instead we opted to serve bread sticks, cheese, apple and milk. The children seemed to have a fun time. The traveling through the wilderness booth became quite wild with kids pounding on the boxes and going through so roughly that the taped together tunnel had to be re-taped in several places several times. Bryan was a big help with the set up and ran the bow and arrow booth. I couldn't have done it without him as the other counselor and the Pres. were unable to come early enough to help set up. We had about 60 children in attendance.

Willis has made the mental connection between his plumbing and the toilet. He has even been willing to make a hard deposit upon occasion. He is old enough that we can't keep him in a diaper yet too young to remember to use the plumbing fixtures. Frequently we find him dancing naked down the hall.

Sarah and Hannah went to State of Washington piano auditions last month. They have been practicing two recital pieces each for months and performed them in front of a judge. They both received excellent scores. Scores are given on the basis of age and degree of difficulty. The students are not in direct competition with their peers. Sarah received the top score of 1. She forgot one section of a Haunted House piece that she played but had such great dynamics that the judge overlooked that and gave her a perfect score. The other piece she played was a nocturne.

Hannah received a 2+ score. She played one piece called Dancing Bears which is played forte and ~~sempre~~ staccato. She did a really nice job on it. The judge spoke to her about it on stage and asked if bears were graceful and soft. Hannah said "No, they go GRRRRR!!" She held up her hands like bear claws. Everyone in the audience laughed. These auditions are very formal so the laughing was out of character. Hannah wasn't too embarrassed and really wasn't sure why the audience was laughing. She thought that she had answered the question correctly.

Love you all: Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum and Willis

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