



Todd & Coreen:

The kids are finally out of school (June 19) and we are having fun. We had lots and lots of rain for about six weeks or so; now it's quite hot. I don't know what happened to the nice, cool Spring days but they didn't make much of an appearance here this year. We have been enjoying going to the Town Pool. Aubrey helps us all remember to put on "Sunscream" and she has fun playing in the "Kiddie Cat Pool." She's a little nervous in the big pool because she doesn't want to "Drain." We're not sure if she's saying she'll drown or if she thinks she'll actually go down the drain. Either way, we try to be careful so she can enjoy it.

We went to the Zoo. The animals were great but the kids liked the Carousel best. We also went to a sprinkler park near here. They have several huge sprinkler set-ups, fountains, etc. on a soft playground and it's really neat.

Caleb is climbing up (all the way up!) the stairs now. We're lucky he has so many people to keep up with him and take care of him. He says Mama, Dada, Hi, Bye, and Nana (for Hannah, we think). He loves to play with balls. That's the first thing he has done that has made him definitely different from the girls. He will go through the toys in his little box and get out all the balls to play with, and he loves it if someone will roll a ball back and forth with him. He has a little basketball hoop and he crawls over to it with a ball and makes a basket!

Hannah's sixth birthday party was a Princess theme. Our friends from Cambridge and a few of her class mates came. Everything was pink. The girls all dressed up like Princesses, we made crowns and necklaces, and painted fingernails and toenails. We had a nice lunch and cake and ice cream. The cake was a pink castle with upside-down sugar cones on the turrets, Hannah's initials on the Coat-of-Arms, a drawbridge with a 6 on it, etc. It was cute and fun to do.

Brittney had a piano recital. She did very well and got a week off from practicing. She got her first cavities and was very brave for the filling.

Todd passed his Professional Engineering Exam!! We cut the four bushes out from our front yard and did a major trim on our tree. Things grow so well here that trimming is a huge job a couple of times a year.

We love you all and hope all is well.

Here's a cute story by Virginia H. Pearce:

A mother was busily preparing dinner when her little boy burst into the kitchen. "Mother, will you play darts with me?" "Just-a-minutes" didn't seem to satisfy the little boy, so the mother followed him down the basement stairs. As they came into the playroom, she said, "I don't know the rules or how to play."

"Oh, it's not hard at all," he beamed confidently. "I just stand right here and throw the darts, and you stand over there and say, "Wonderful! Wonderful!"





Lana & Aaron:

Hi, Family! The Sorensens are all doing well. We are having a good, fast summer. We go to swimming lessons on Wed., a tumbling class on Tues., & Thurs., and on Fridays we go sit with the neighbor's mom and help her to go the bathroom and get lunch and stuff. The kids and I packed up to go camping and we all got loaded and the van wouldn't start. We were bummed but it was probably for the best because it rained that night and got down to 40 degrees. We were glad we were home with the heater on. I guess I need to watch the weather before we go camping.

We are Grandparents! Our pet deer had twins and they are cute. They are really wild, though. We've caught them a few times and even though she still comes to the house every day, she leaves her babies hidden.

We had a lady from our stake come take pictures of the kids dressed in their cowboy clothes. She takes the pictures and then water color paints them and sells them in Jackson Hole. It will be neat if she likes some of the pictures and paints some.



Happy Birthday
Heather - July 3
Leslie - July 22





Mom and Lynn:

Did I sign up for this? Work, work, work. We have *so much* to do! We *never* get caught up! But, we've never been happier doing our work. We've never worked around more cheerful and loving people. AND we've never done work that we felt was more worthwhile, even though some of it is routine and monotonous. So we're fine. We're good. Not to worry—all is well.

We moved. I'd like to say we have more room but I think we actually have a little less. (Not that it matters—we're here so little.) The great thing is that we have a small patio and lots of windows. We've bought a little table and chairs and plants and guess where we eat our breakfast? Yup—your mother/grandmother is an outdoor person. And it's helping. This apartment living is crummy! It's cleaner and nicer here in our new apartment than in the one we moved into when we arrived, and has a better atmosphere. It feels safer here. We live on the side of town where most of the faces are dark and Spanish is the prevalent language (mixed with English spoken with a Black drawl.) I really don't hear Texas drawl very often. Our new address is:

14100 Montfort Dr. Apt # 1114

Dallas, Texas 75240.

Our phone number is still: 972-490-5144

I had a great experience! I went to the bank to make the deposit, and the teller asked me if the name of the Church on the deposit slip meant Mormon. I told her yes, whipped out a couple of pass-along cards—one for a Book of Mormon and one for a video, and told her she could learn more about our Church by mailing in one or both of the cards. She pointed to the one with the Book of Mormon and said—that one, I want that one. I told her that I could actually send missionaries to her door with a copy of the book so she wouldn't have to wait for the mail. She smiled, said yes, and gave me her name and address. YEA! So, I was going to get some Elders and go with them but when I could see that wasn't going to happen, I turned her name over to the Zone Leaders in the area. I talked to them once and they hadn't contacted her but promised to soon! So pray for her—her name is Grace Nygaru or something. A beautiful black lady.

I've been wrapped up in a HUGE project. Since I've been inspecting the apartments and have seen so many dirty, abused ones, I prayed and prayed and decided to have a "Clean the Mission" project. I sent out a letter and a checklist and set aside Wed, June 25 as THE day. Everyone was supposed to clean to the checklist—as though they were being transferred—and call and report that it was done. (Fewer than half remembered to call. So I had to call them.) Then on July 1 when about 1/3 of them were transferred, they were supposed to call and tell me if their new apartment was clean. Many more called and most all of them said it was good, it was fine, it was clean, it looked beautiful. ALL EXCEPT ONE! This Elder called and in an apologetic way said it looked like the previous Elders hadn't done a thing. Well, my promise—or my threat, was that they would have to return on their next preparation day (July 2) and clean. Wow, did that get to be a problem. We had to actually drive 1 ½ hr to one apt and 45 min to another, get the offending Elders and their companions, and take them back to the dirty apartment. And yes—it was as dirty as any apartment I've ever seen. They had just left. They'd had a shower that morning and left the towels in the floor. Rotten food in the fridge, dirty dishes etc. in the kitchen. TRASH everywhere. And so, we cleaned. For cleaning supplies they only had a toilet bowl brush and some dish liquid in the apartment. (Wonder why they couldn't clean?) So I took all my cleaning stuff, rags etc. and we set to work. They were resentful and flippant but when I directed them (now, Elder, take this rag and clean this door. Now, Elder move that couch and get all the junk from behind it) they were compliant. We ended the day with a burger on me and a hug and thanks from them that we had done it. It was one of the hardest things I ever had to do but it was worth it. I knew if I didn't do it, I'd have no credibility and the project was for nothing. I know I was inspired with the idea. **And I was exhausted!!!**

Well, I MISS YOU ALL SO MUCH. Today is July 4 and I've been thinking about what we'd be doing if we were there. Maybe Steve and Jared would be going to get us a spot at the parade in Provo. Or maybe Lawson and family would be coming to Centerville for the parade. Or maybe we'd all be together at the Summit. Well, I'll stop torturing myself and get ready to go with the Benders to Irving Texas for a parade. We love you all. Pray for Grandma and Grandpa. We need your prayers and help so we can do good missionary work.

Lawson & Kelly:

The kids are happy to be out of school for the summer. Staying up late and lots of playtime. It's been busy for us with Thayne and Tanner playing baseball and Tanner and Cason playing soccer. Besides that we've spent time up at the Summit and doing other little trips. We're planning on going to Dad's for the 4th of July there in Lewiston. Some of Kelly's family came down from Canada and we spent a few days camping at the Summit with them. It was good to spend time with them. We'll be going up to Canada in August to spend time with Kelly's mom and to go to a family reunion for her side of the family.

We have campsites reserved at Mirror Lake campground in the Uinta's for our family reunion. One site for the Pierson's for Aug 4th-5th and then 1 double site and 2 single sites for the rest of the families for Aug 4th-6th. The cost for the campsites per family will be \$31.00. I put the campsites reservations on my credit card so please send me a check to cover that cost. There is also a vehicle pass fee of \$6.00/vehicle that you'll have to pay. I know you can do this in Kamas and at some places along the road. I think they said you can drive through without getting a vehicle pass, but if you stop and park anywhere and don't have one you can get a ticket (or take your chances!).

I have some information on a couple of places we might want to stop by on the way there on Monday; Provo River Falls and the Duchesne Tunnel. Also, there's a trail around the lake we can hike on and the fishing is supposed to be pretty good there.

Lisa and Steve drove up there last week. We tried to reserve the campsites they thought were the best. We got some of them! There is drinking water there and there are outhouses that Lisa and Steve said were pretty nice for outhouses! They are still allowing fires in the fire pits right now, but that may change by then; same thing with charcoal and propane. When I called they said propane doesn't get restricted unless fires are really bad, so that may be what we want to plan to use primarily. I think Laura and Greg have a 2 burner propane stove they can bring. Lisa and Steve also.

I think Lisa said it was about a 2.5 hour drive for them. It will probably be about the same for us. Lana and Aaron can come down through Evanston to get there, but I don't know how long their drive will be for sure.

I'm sure there will be more information coming. We'll need to do meal assignments and take wood in if we want to have campfires. I will post info on my website www.burnettclan.org (I don't have anything there yet) and I'll call people as needed. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Love you all.