

Happy Happenings



Lana & Aaron:

Hello, Family! I don't have much to say but thought I'd give an update on us. Jaxon and Jancy finished out their rodeo year and did very well. Jaxon got "Most Improved" for the Pavilion Gymkhana and both kids won nice prizes. They both did well at a kids' day rodeo a couple of weeks ago and won lots and got nice prizes. They worked hard for it.

They started school on the 26th and both are doing well. Jaxon likes his teacher and has the same kids in his class as last year. Jancy likes kindergarten. She goes Mon. - Thurs. 11:30 - 3:30 and Fridays from 8:30 - 1:30. Mon. - Thurs. she gets on the Kindergarten bus at 10:10 and they both get home at around 4:30. She likes her teacher and aide and was very ready for school. They come home happy and that's good.

Our friend, Cathy Shoopman, has been here off and on. She came because her daughter was expecting a baby but has been hanging out at our house waiting for the baby.

Broox and I haven't had too much time to get lonely. I don't think he minds all the "alone with adults" time like I thought he might.

I signed up for a photography class for something fun for me to do. It's Tues. - Thurs. 2 - 4:30. Aaron will watch Broox.

I feel like everyone would like me to say how we're doing with Am gone but I don't really know what to say. We put the final order in on her headstone and that should be done the end of Oct. We keep plugging along. It's sad to have life starting to be normal without her. We just really want to thank you all for your thoughts and concerns and we appreciate it and love you all!



Lawson & Kelly:

We've had a fun summer. We really enjoyed the family reunion at Mirror Lake. Sad that some people couldn't make it. Each of the boys got to reel in a fish and had lots of fun with the Dye's canoe.

We made our trip to Canada. It was really nice to get away for a while. The boys and I had a chance to go fishing up there with one of Kelly's uncles. He took us to a tiny little lake that was full of fish! I didn't have a license so I didn't fish, but it was just as well because the boys were pulling them in so fast, it was all I could do to keep their hooks baited! Tanner caught his limit of 5 and Cason and Thayne each caught a few. It's always fun and relaxing to me to go up there and get away from everything. They have a kind of family get together each Monday for family home evening so we got in on one of those and got to see some of Kelly's Aunts and uncles and their families. One afternoon we floated down a river on tubes. We helped



Kelly's sister Vivian with her move up to Calgary and other than that just kind of hung out and enjoyed ourselves. Here is a picture of the boys and McGuire with Kelly's Mom.

While we were there, there were some computer problems at work that I had to take care of so they let me have an





extra day for our vacation, so we thought it would be fun to come back through Yellowstone (picture to left). We drove there and camped 1 night and spent the next day going around to the different mud pots and geysers and seeing buffalo and all. It was really fun and the kids really enjoyed it. On Labor Day we went up to the Summit (picture to right). It was so nice. Not too hot (or too cold yet).



The kids were all excited to get back into school and they were all excited for the teachers they got.

So far that's going well. Kelly gets a little break with not so many kids in the house all day. But now she gets to deal with the homework!

Cason and Tanner are getting back into full swing with their competitive soccer. Tanner will have 1 game a week and Cason will have 2. Thayne's AYSO soccer will also start this week. Tanner is also going to play on an AYSO team because they don't have enough kids to fill the team.

Cason and Tanner are progressing in their scouting. Cason will get his Tenderfoot at the next court of honor and Tanner will get his Wolf at his next pack meeting.

We've always tried to only let Landon have his binki and blanket at nap time or night time, but lately he's grown very attached to them and wants them all the time. I think we're heading the wrong direction with those!

Meguire is a little jabber mouth! She likes to make noise. She sits up well now and rolls around some. She gets over to her tummy and then usually cries after a minute because she can't get back!

Landon calls Meguire "gire". A while ago Kelly heard Landon saying "gire, gire, gire" softly over and over. She went to see what was going on and found Meguire holding onto Landon by the hair! He likes to get close and hug her and stuff and she got a hold of his hair!

Hope everyone is well. Love you all.



Todd & Loreen:



Tanner	Sept. 12
Greg. D.	Sept. 14
Lawson	Sept. 18
Janey	Sept. 22
Aubrey	Sept. 26

The Coons family is doing well enjoying life in general. We can't believe summer is basically over, but here is an update on July and August. We had an excellent fourth of July in Boston with our friends, the Cranes!! It couldn't have been better. We loved being in a place with so much history on Independence Day. We went to a Bar-B-Q and walked about three miles along the Charles River. We saw the Hatch Shell where the Boston Pops and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed. We saw the big barges in the middle of the river that held the fireworks. There were people camped out on the banks of the river and people in their boats all day long. People were selling things and it was fun to be with the crowds. The highlight was watching the fireworks from the 24th floor in our friend's apartment. Their whole wall is windows and they look directly out onto the river so we had a perfect view, and the kids could eat, sleep, play, or whatever they needed while we waited. The fireworks display couldn't have been better. They really did a nice

job. The next day we spent some time seeing Boston. We played in the "Frog Pond" and took pictures of the kids on the backs of the bronze ducklings in the Public Garden. It was a very memorable time for us!

Hannah and Brittney had swim lessons every morning for a couple of weeks. They loved it and did very well. We have a swim pass but the weather hasn't been too great so we haven't made the best use of it. We have had a lot of rain and some cool days and that just doesn't go well with swimming. The kids generally get along very well and enjoyed the long summer days of playing together.

We finally went to Cape Cod (picture to right), something we have wanted to do for years. We camped two nights and spent both days at the National Seashore. The sand is white and the water is cold. The surfers had on body suits. Todd did body surf a little but he was chilly! We also went canoeing at our campground and overall just enjoyed being together and relaxing. Here is a picture of us when we went to Cape Cod.



August was a fun summer month for us. We went to the Boston temple. We refinanced our home mortgage and got new windows and doors and we sure are enjoying them!! The man who did them won the lottery awhile back - 5.4 million dollars -- and he still works! Yes, we have millionaires working for us.

Todd went on the High Adventure with the scouts. It was a three-day backpacking hike in Vermont. It's rough, but somebody's got to go with those boys!



The kids and I had a fun day trip to a Connecticut beach. Then we had a great family vacation to Acadia National Park in Maine (picture below). It's an island about halfway up the state and it is beautiful. We camped two nights, went to the beach, swam in a lake, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. We were in Maine so we had to have LOBSTER. Todd chose our lobsters (alive) out of a cooler, they took them outside in a net bag, and boiled them in sea water, then they put them on a tray with nutcrackers, lobster forks, and melted butter and gave them to us to eat. They

did give us a placemat with directions so we did our best. The kids didn't like it but we all tried it.



Caleb's first birthday was fun for us all. He is walking all over the place and it's so fun to see. He loves life and is so happy. He's already keeping me busy. He can climb up onto the table and get into all the cupboards, drawers, and the toilet! He's so little, too. He loves tools, balls, and trucks. One of his favorite things to do is go into the shed and walk around the lawn mower, touching it and pulling the starter out a little. When Todd mows the lawn he puts Caleb in the baby backpack. Caleb also loves walking up the slide and sliding down on his tummy over and over. If you say, "Give me a kiss," he'll smack his lips and then open his mouth for a kiss. He's fun and we sure enjoy him! Here's a cute picture of him in the tree.



Now the kids are back at school and Aubrey can't find people to play Barbies with her as much as she'd like. We try but it's never enough. She's so cute. She calls Weeping Willows "Waterfall Trees" and we think that's very cute. We bought her a couple of skirts and she liked them so much that she wore one and carried the other one around all day. We were at the store and she said, "I said 'Hi' to that girl but she is a shy to me so she didn't answer."

Hannah loves her teacher and is very happy about school. Brittney isn't crazy about her teacher so far. But there is a girl in her class from Peru who speaks no English so Brittney is helping her out. We'll just see how things turn out. Brittney is still taking piano lessons. We are still studying the prophets for FHE and are on Ezra Taft Benson. It has been great! The girls are learning lots of Spanish - how to pray, primary songs, how to conjugate verbs, weather, etc. We enjoy it.

We're all doing great and hope you are, too! Love you lots!!

FROM YOUR MISSIONARY PARENTS:

Dear Family—I'm sure you will all agree that this has been quite a month. We all feel for you, Lana, and your wonderful family. We are all sad and grieving. I'm including cards we received from missionaries. Sister Rees (left) and Sister McCain (right) served in the office for a couple of weeks and I fell in love with Sister Rees.

I will type the words of the card because I think they will be hard to read:



20 Aug 2003
Elder & Sister White,
This note is so long overdue, because for some time I have wished to extend not only condolences for your sweet granddaughter, but also thanks for your wisdom.
At the time you left for SLC, I was admitted to the accounting program at BYU—what I thought to be one of life's greatest accomplishments. As I sat in the room, watching the beautiful video of your granddaughter's life, nearly a week after my acceptance letter, my focus was immediately brought back, as I saw that family, & the gospel are truly what matter most in life. You mentioned that you hoped something good would come of her passing.
Well, I want you to know that that experience had a profound impact on me.

I regularly see her beautiful face in my mind & realize what I want to achieve in life—to be blessed with children I can raise in the gospel, in a loving home, like your daughter & son-in-law have. That experience affected my life, & will undoubtedly affect my future.....
So did our wonderful conversation in your office that day. It was wonderful to see that others get as stressed as me, but equally wonderful to realize that there are people who can love us for who we are—like you, Elder White. Your counsel to trust in the Lord, & look for a righteous young man, who walks in the paths of the gospel will also never, ever leave me.
Both of you have affected my life. Thank you for being here & sharing your love & testimonies in such Christlike service. Your missionary labors have certainly extended beyond the office!
I ♥ U! Sister Rees

This card meant so much to us. We wonder sometimes if our being here is anymore than paying bills and inspecting apartments. This was a wonderful reminder that we are needed and useful.

AND that Amberly has touched someone's life for good. Only one of many, I'm sure. It turns out that a mission can be many things. Ours is good. We don't teach or baptize, formally, anyhow. But I guess we do have an effect.

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THANKS FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU BY WATERING YOUR PLANTS. WISH WE COULD DO MORE. WE LOVE YOU AND HOPE & PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW. WE KNOW THAT THE HOLY GHOST'S JOB IS TO DO JUST THAT. WE LOVE YOU AND HOPE ALL IS WELL. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US AS ASSISTANTS. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WE LOVE YA.
LOVE,
THE ASSISTANTS
Elder Thurson Elder Clark Elder Thatcher

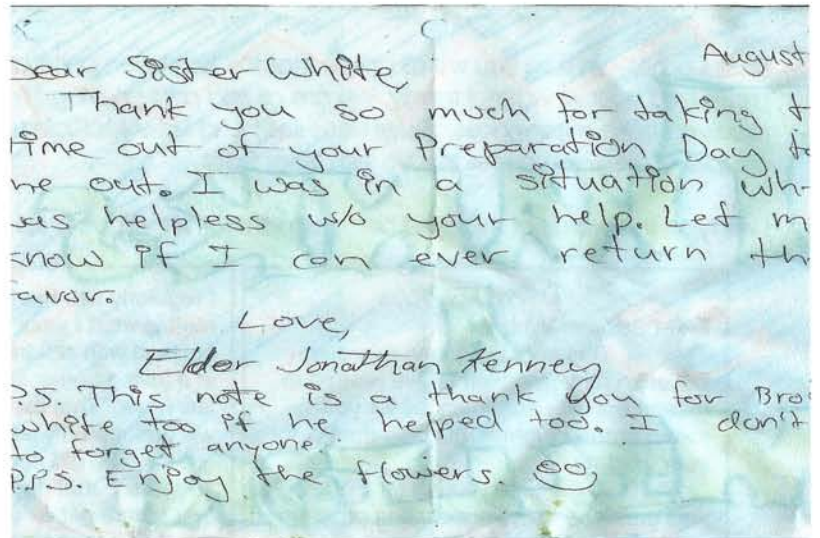
The assistants left this in our apt

7/26/03
Dear sister white,
I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate all you do & the courage you have to serve the Lord. I know exactly how you feel, I have been there, too. My mother died when I was 10 on breast cancer. I wasn't a member then either. When I joined the church, it helped me so much & I understood it so much more. It gives me a peaceful feeling that I can see my Mom again. I am so grateful for those two Elders that found me & taught me the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Just a little note that I thought I should write you, I love you & appreciate your example so much.
with Love,
Sister McCain (an office sister)

This one is from Sister McCain



Elder Kenney is my new office helper. He's really great. He forgot his bank Pin # last Saturday and called me at home for help. I got dressed real quickly and went to the office and gave him the number.



On Sunday he brought white daisies and this card. It says:

August 17, 2003

Dear Sister White,
 Thank you so much for taking the time out of your Preparation Day to help me out. I was in a situation where I was helpless w/o your help. Let me know if I can ever return the favor.
 Love,
 Elder Jonathan Kenney
 P.S. This note is a thank you for Brother White too if he helped too. I don't want to forget anyone.
 P.P.S. Enjoy the flowers. ☺



Elders Clark, Thueson, & Thatcher
 They were all assistants to the President



Elder Kirk and Elder Passey help Lynn
 Sister McCain helped Sis Bender and Sister Rees helped me.



Elder & Sister Bender, Elder Tsogbayar & Elder Nyamjargal
 Get This: Elders from Mongolia sent here to preach the gospel in ENGLISH



Elder Nyamjargal gave us this hand-painted card from Mongolia

Dear Elder and sister White
 How ya'll doing?
 It was so wonderful to meet you.
 Thank you so much for every-thing you've done for me.
 You are so great.
 I'll miss all of you.
 God bless you.
 My prayers will be with you.
 Sincerely Elder Nyamjargal
 My email address is: john56forever@yahoo.com