



Happy Happenings

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The Wilsons

Hi Family,

We are still rolling along in American Fork with Grandma and Grandpa Wilson. Jeff and Bri are doing well in school and in church. We had a couple of opportunities to visit Greg in Arizona. We left Thursday right after school and drove until about 3:00 in the morning to get all the way to Mesa so that we could go to Anasazi on Friday. That is the day they take in new kids and the former young walkers can come in and talk to the parents. It is very comforting to the parents to see someone who has come through the experience and is healthy in body and spirit. Jeff did a great job both times and I think it really helped the parents to see him.

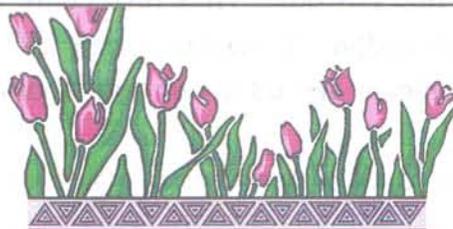
Greg's trailer is better than expected. Of course, you've all heard of the Desert Winds Trailer Park (it's pretty widely known, according to Greg). It is definitely among the more high-class trailer parks in Huachuca city. The windows are covered with decorative trash bags, except the one room where you can see from the road, through the uncovered window, into the bathroom without a door. But the most amazing part is surely that, a couple of blocks down from the Park, there are real houses, built on real foundations (simply fascinating).

Rich is doing pretty good, we think. We've been able to talk to him a couple times on the phone, and we've e-mailed a couple times as well. He says that Korea is pretty coolie-oolie-o, and he loves the food (by the way, Mom stopped typing a while ago, this is Jeff now). He goes out to the field a lot, and works pretty late, but since he is muy weird, he enjoys it.

Amy Sue is doing really good, and we see her on a very regular basis. As you may know, she just barely put in her papers for a mission, and is waiting anxiously for her call. She went to Hawaii fo' to see her old friends and go to the beach (But she happened to not remind Lee of her visit). She also got a 91 on a test in one of her smart people classes.

As for me, Mom, and Brianna, we're just sittin' around all day wallowing in our lack of excitement. Well, maybe not. Mom is still going to the gym a lot and working herself do death with that personal trainer. Brianna and I are doing pretty good in school and all three of us are doing really good in our music lessons-me and mom in our piano lessons, and Brianna in her voice lessons. And as for me, I have some pretty big plans for extracurricular activities that I hope will really help me get into college. Oh yeah, you may know that we are all going to New York in April, but since Brianna insists on being muy mucho weird, she decided to go down to Sierra Vista, because she doesn't like us near as much as her friends. Well maybe not that either, but she is weird.

I'm typing this on Loreen's computer, since we're down here anyway, and her Word office assistant, the little wizard guy who answers questions, is getting pretty impatient with me, so I'm going to say goodbye. We love everyone.



Mom & Lynn

Hi Family!

Lynn and I have been working pretty hard to learn even the basic stuff involved in British Research! And there's grundles more to learn! Now I know why it was so hard for me to just *find* Charles and Sarah Palmer in England! I didn't have a clue as to how to go about it! Oh well, I have a feeling that before this mission is over I'll know a lot more!

Living in Salt Lake has its pluses and also some minuses. One plus is we're close enough to walk! And we do! That also turns out to be a minus in snowy weather. We started out last Monday in a snow storm. You can kinda deal with snow, but the gutters were 4 inches deep in slushy, freezing water! That makes for a pretty cold foot soak. The wind turned the umbrella inside out which meant that I had snow crusted on my eyelashes. That burns when all that makeup starts dissolving in your eyes. (I know—waah, waah). Generally, though, it's much better. It allows us to sleep a little longer and means that if we really need to, we can run home during the day. The big plus is the commute! Even though it's only 30+ miles—at 6:00 a.m. in the cold and dark and slush, Lynn was pretty stressed. Trouble is—every time I go to Saratoga Springs it feels cold and unfriendly. Just about the time we get it all warmed up and feeling like home again, it's time to leave. So I'm giving up looking forward to going home. We'll just try to make the apartment home.

Other than that, we're doing great! We work with good people and get along well. We are even getting to the point where we can help the patrons some! That feels good. We have quite a lot of leeway to tend to things like doctor's appointments or car repairs (we've had both lately) so it's pretty relaxed. We're nearing the end of our first phase of training and I hope to get my "Apprentice" certificate and British flag pin soon. Then on and up to higher training.

We really enjoyed our birthday gift to Lisa. (Sounds strange—like bragging. Oh well!) We invited Laura, Leslie and her to come to the Library. They got to see us in our element and learn a little about research. That was fun. We even got on the computer and found a few more bits of information on the Burnett line! Then they came to our apartment and we served them lunch! It was so gratifying to have them come to see us! I think we're a little starved for family to come to us! We sat around and visited and had a very relaxing afternoon. Hope you enjoyed it, Lisa. We surely did!

We've been trying to make a special time for kids and grandkids that live close. We went to Church and stayed for lunch at Laura's house and hope to do the same tomorrow at Gwen's. Haven't done that with Lisa or Lawson or Leslie. However, we do do things with Leslie, Brianna and Jeff like shop and eat out. They also come to our apartment. We love it. So, if you want Grandma and Grandpa to come—invite us! Otherwise, we may invite ourselves. AND, if you want to come to see us in our cool apartment, JUST LET US KNOW! We'll be so glad to have you!

We love you all and hope you're all praying for us! We're praying for you!

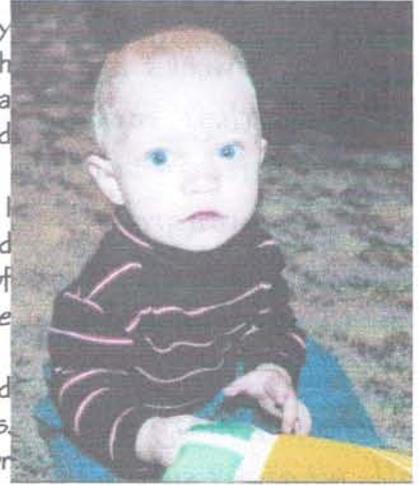
The Sorensens

Hello family,

Things are going well here. February was a good month. Jaxon and Jancy played basketball through the school, and had fun with that. We took Jaxon and Jancy each out on a "date" and that was fun to spend some one on one time with them. We had a fun Branch Valentine party. They had a dance night for the whole family, and it turned out really well.

The cows have started calving, and it is going pretty well. He has only lost 1 calf, and it had something wrong with it when it was born, so he wasn't really surprised when it died. The weather has been pretty nice, and that really helps. Aaron is kind of looking at taking a new job with the neighbor. He seems to have more to offer, but we are pretty happy here so we will see.

Broox is quite a unique boy. Once he gets something in his head it is really hard to get out. Once we were reading a book and it had a picture of a goat and two babies. Broox loved the picture and ever since has wanted a milking goat. The only use we have for a goat is to practice tying it's legs together for rodeo, but Broox got it in his head he wanted a milking goat. He had a fingernail chewing problem, so we told him if he stopped chewing his fingernails we would



get him a goat. He has amazing will power, and only had to be reminded a few times, and stopped chewing his fingernails. The lady we get goats from was really tickled that Broox has such an interest in a milking goat, and picked out one she thought would be good for him, and she had her baby this month so we went and got Broox's goat. She had one baby and it is really cute. He doesn't really milk the goat he just lets the baby drink it, but thinks it's pretty cool. He has also always liked milking cows, and we have always joked that he is going to be a dairy man. One day we were at a guy's house and Broox saw that he had an old Jersey milk cow. Broox kept bugging Aaron to ask him how much he wanted for the cow. Aaron finally asked and explained Broox's love for milk cows, and the guy told Broox he could take the cow home and see if she was going to have a baby. Aaron explained that we either needed to buy it or not take it at all

and the guy told Broox that he could just have the cow if he would come and work for him when he needed help. So now he is the proud owner of two goats and a Jersey cow that should calve in June. He's quite a kid. He had his fifth birthday, and thought that was great too. He was so excited to have a party, so we tried to make it special for him.

Dixon finally got to ride a horse by himself. He wouldn't stop talking about "riding his own horse", so one day we put a saddle on Choc, the horse Jaxon, Jancy, and Broox have rodeo'd on. He is pretty old and harmless, but Dixon thought that was the best thing in the world to be riding his own horse all by himself. All he could say over and over was "I a towboy, I a towboy." It was pretty cute.

Rix is still doing well. We are taking him back for a check up right after Memorial Day, so we are planning a trip then. Rix is a total daddy's boy. All of our kids love their dad, but they have never been this serious about him, and especially not this young. Whenever he sees his dad he has to have him hold him. I will try to go get him from Aaron and Rix will turn away and not let me take him. Whenever he hears the tractor he goes to the door and says "daa, daa" and cries to go out with him. It is a real pain for me, but Aaron seems to think it is pretty funny.



Here are our family pictures, late. We'll get new ones of Rix so you can see his new head.

The Coons

Brittney auditioned for Honor Band (on the oboe). We went to Junior High orientation with Brittney. It's hard to believe that she's that old!

Hannah went on a field trip to the Grand Canyon and had a fun time. She is taking a drawing class for 6 weeks after school. She also started attending the Zoology Club on Tuesday mornings. They are going to have an over-nighter at the Phoenix Zoo at the end of the club.

Aubrey is really catching on to the reading business. She thinks she might be a reader like her sisters and we agree.

Caleb is currently interested in making ships and planes out of legos.

Todd has been taking our dog, Taffy, to obedience school. They are having fun and Taffy is doing well.

Our Elementary School is getting big so they are building a new school that will open in the fall. We aren't sure yet if we'll be going. We are trying to get them to make it an Early Learning Center (Pre-K through 1st grade) and leave the older kids at the current school.

Todd surprised me for Valentine's Day with tickets to the play "The Scarlet Pimpernel." We went out to eat with 5 other couples, then we all went to the play. What a great Valentine's Day!

I am still plugging away at those scrapbooks. I have 3 1/2 done out of 7. Lisa is researching things that I find from the pictures so we can complete families on our PAF and do the temple work.

Our neighbor, Barry Adkins, whose son died from alcohol poisoning (he drank too much at a party last year at 18 years old) is walking from here to Montana to try to raise awareness on this issue. He is speaking at 25 or 30 High Schools along the way so you may hear about him as he goes through Utah. The walk is going to take 4 months. He's a great guy.

We loved having the Wilson's a couple of weekends this month. You should hear Les and Jeff play the piano!! We had dinner at Larry & Jill's and enjoyed visiting with them and their girls.

Tiffany just moved. Her new address is:
255 S. Kyrene Rd. #106
Chandler, AZ 85226



Happy Birthday:

March 21	Landon
March 25	Aaron

Happy 27th Anniversary to
Larry & Jill on March 15!!

The Dyes

Math week was a huge success. Laura, Greg and Leslie all gave presentation. Laura gave one on the brain and how the mind works. Leslie gave one on mathematical recreations. Greg gave one on puzzles and how they relate to math. The kids loved not only the presentations, but the competitions, the questions of the day, and all the displays throughout the halls.

Laura also spent a gazillion hours during Valentine's week making flower arrangements at Steiner's. Her feet and muscles were killing her by the time the week was over. Laura also got to give a talk last Sunday on making our home a sanctuary.

Anthony is back from his week-long trip to California and the movie kingdom. It was part of the Springville High film group. We can't remember if everyone knew that Anthony broke his collarbone and had to have surgery since it was broken in two places. That finished up his snowboarding season.

Ony passed drivers education and is now the latest menace on the road. Just kidding, the only one she makes nervous is her dad, so she doesn't drive with him in the car.

Zac still loves his bunnies. Their names are FooFoo and Fiesty. If you get close to his room you can often hear them and usually smell them.

Have a great month

Love, The Dyes

