

HAPPY HAPPENINGS

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BURNETTS

The Larry Burnett family decided to spice up the newsletter this month -- we thought it needed a little excitement. We are sending a few pictures of how we spent our weekend. We were all ready to go skiing -- and decided to go east this time -- we have always gone to Flagstaff - but the snow past Show Low was supposed to be better, and had a 119 inch base. It was about a 3 1/2 hour drive so we left at 5:00. We went through Globe uneventfully, then caught a little snow for a while, but just slowed down and took it easy. We were traveling in a pack of about 6 cars, and were all just driving at about 50 mph.

Everything was fine until we came up on an unmarked bridge with some black ice, and all started sliding in all different directions. We were the last in the pack, and had borrowed a friend's truck because it was a four wheel drive. We started sliding about half way across the bridge, crossed the lane of traffic and hit into the guard rail about 50 mph. We looked at the guardrail after the accident and found out that we broke 9 of the pillars that supported the rail. Each of them were 3X3X3, and had 3 feet below the surface. We are not quite sure what happened after that, but we spun, and then flipped on our back, and slid about 50 yards. Both windows were blown out, the windshield was broken, and I remember as we were sliding along was how the ceiling was getting closer and closer to our heads. It ended up about 3 inches above the steering wheel, so we were pretty scrunched. I remember as we were sliding how the gravel was right at my shoulder and head, and was surprised to see that I did not have marks on either of them when we stopped -- we obviously were being watched out for. We all let our seatbelts out and fell down, then crawled out the broken windows. Heather ended up somehow getting her hair caught in the door, and we had to really pull to get her unstuck -- she left quite a few behind. Heather was sitting in the back seat right behind me, and Katelyn was in the middle in the front. We had three other friends with us, and all made it out hardly without a scratch. All of us were wearing our seatbelts.

We were about 20 miles from Show Low and some of the other drivers had called the police -- it took them 1 hour and 15 minutes to get to us. After about 1/2 hour the girls went into Show Low with one of our friends. I wanted them in town in case one of them had a delayed reaction. They ended up getting strapped down, and put into an ambulance and transported to the hospital. They all got X-rays, and head CT scans, and 3 hours later were pronounced OK. Both Heather and Katelyn found out how you pee into a bedpan. What a great new experience for them. We took it pretty easy on the way home, and have been quite sore since then, but we are not complaining. We had a prayer before we left, and of course truly believe that our Heavenly Father was watching over us. There is no other explanation as to how we all made it out not only alive, but relatively unhurt. Jill and Tiffany had quite a rough day at home waiting for news bits, then waiting while we drove home - it was a nice reunion when we did pull up.

It is sobering to think of how short life is, but now we all need to be asking what else our Father in Heaven has left for us to do. We were all talking about how little control we have of events in our life, and need to have faith that what ever happens is our Heavenly Father's will. We are all happy to still be here, and look forward to the farewell, and marriage.

We are all doing OK otherwise. Tiffany is doing well in school, and still working at the dry-cleaners. This semester is a little harder, but she still is making straight A's. Heather is just ready to start Track, and Katelyn will be trying out for Cheer this month. We will see you all in a little while.



COONS

We are so glad that Larry and family are safe! When Hannah saw the pictures on the first page of *Happy Happenings* and I told her what happened, she said, "That's not happy!"

The Coons family is doing well. We have had lots of cold weather and snow. We got a couple of feet on top of what we already had and school was cancelled. We built a fun snowman. We tried to build a fort, too, but it's just too much work for one Mom. We'll have to wait until the kids are old enough to really help.

Caleb is starting to sit up well but he still doesn't like to eat much as far as solid food goes. He's a big kid - 18 pounds and 75th percentile.

Aubrey found out what happens when you use Honey Mustard for eye make-up. She doesn't recommend it! We enjoy going to Story Time at the library and Play Group with our friends.

Hannah was in a show called *The Kindergarten Cafe*. It was all about food. They did it for the school first and will do it for The Jefferson House (a nursing home) tomorrow. The parent's show was cancelled for tonight because of all the snow so they will do it Monday.

Brittney is Student of the Month for March. She is doing great with piano. Brittney is getting baptized in May and as far as we know, we won't have any extended family here for it. So if you've ever considered a trip to the East, come see us in May, be here for the baptism, and see the sights. We'd love to have you!!!

Todd enjoyed his winter hike and campout in Vermont. There were 9 in the group. They hiked in, had a nice dinner, and slept comfortably. Two of them dug into the snow and slept in snow tunnels; the rest slept in tents. The next day it snowed on them quite heavily but they still enjoyed snowshoeing up the mountain. He said it was beautiful and it was a good experience for all of them.

I did a presentation about Spain for Enrichment Night this month. I made a Spanish tortilla and took my flamenco dress, sword, knight, Spanish money, and other stuff I have. Others spoke about Germany, Ghana (Phyllis made Peanut Butter Soup!), Malaysia, and Mexico. It was a very enjoyable evening. A couple in our ward edits a local newspaper. They asked me to read a book and write a review. I did and it was published!



The kids reached their goal of learning 100 Spanish words and 30 Spanish phrases so we are having a Fiesta on Saturday.



They each invited a friend and we are all looking forward to it!! We made a piñata. We'll do a craft, have Mexican food for dinner, break the piñata and play games.



SORENSENS

We are all doing good. We've had a good winter with hardly any sickness. Aaron is calving (well, the cows are calving). He has about a hundred cows. He has a guy named Tom helping him and that's working out pretty good. Jaxon really likes school. He's reading really well. He loves to color. Jancy is learning how to read and she really likes that. She's a great helper. Amberly likes school. She likes to play with Jancy and Broox. Broox had his first birthday. He didn't really get into it. He's walking everywhere and jabbers all the time. He loves to go with his dad and will stand by the front door and cry if he sees Dad go by and he doesn't come get him. We got the "Spirit" movie for the kids and they all have stuffed horses that they play on and play "Spirit" a lot. Jaxon has spring break the first

Well, as all of you know by now—IT CAME! Our call to serve in the Texas Dallas Mission. We are called to serve in the mission office – as well as doing other things as directed. We don't know any more details than that. Our call is for 1½ years. We submitted our papers on January 16 and the call came on February 12. That was pretty good time for seniors, or so we hear. It was an exciting day!

(Here's *my [Lynn's] version of what happened.*) We had decided to go the temple on the morning or the 12th. While we were traveling to the temple we decided to do initiatory work rather than endowments, thinking that would take *less time* on the day we thought **might** be the day of the mission call. As it turned out your Mom/Grandma discovered it was pretty hard to do initiatory work this soon after her new knee was installed. Simultaneously, I was asked to do more names than I had wanted to. Anyway Grandma waited a long time for me – and we were later than we expected. There is no direct route between here and the temple. I took off in the general direction of home, and wandered around till I got on the wrong side of the railroad track with no good way to get across. All this time Grandma was getting more and more anxious to be home where we could get to the mail box. I'm sure it didn't take more than an additional ten minutes to get home – but it sure seemed like a long time to Grandma. Well, we got home – and sure enough – **a big envelope was in the mail box with a return address of the First Presidency.** We opened one end of the envelope and took turns peeking in to see where we were assigned to go. **How exciting it was!**

We were completely surprised when we first read 'Texas Dallas Mission'. Then, almost immediately I

thought of all your Mom/Grandma's ancestors having lived out west and north of Dallas, and that there was an additional reason for our call to that particular place at this particular time. I feel sure we'll have some family history work to do while there.

Now we're just trying to get things gathered up and settled so we can leave for 18 months. There's lots to do but it's going well. We are excited to have Christie and Dave occupy our home! We hope they will love it. It's not exactly the run-down 1st apartment that you usually think of starting out in, but oh well, lucky them.

Our non-farewell will be April 13 and we're having lunch in the club room after. Hope we don't violate any of the new advice for departing missionaries. We'll go into the senior MTC (an old motel in Provo) on Monday, April 14 (two weeks before our original departure date - they want us to be in Dallas before the other couples go home) and stay for 1 week.

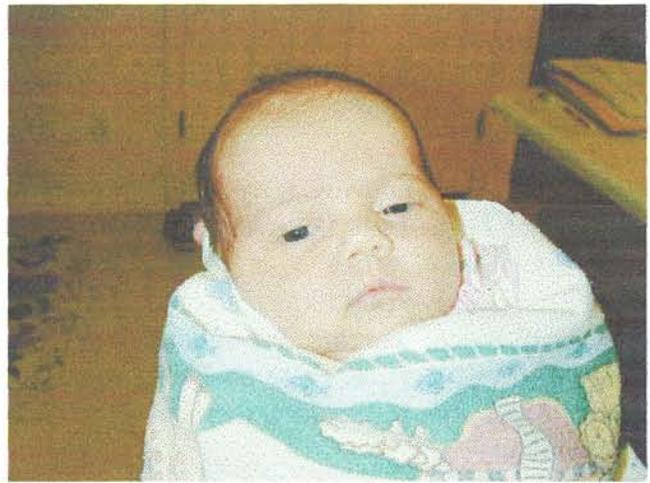
We sure do hope all of you will send us pictures while we're gone. Pictures of the kids, pictures of what's happening in your life, anything to help us keep connected. We hope to get e-mails and regular mail, lots of it! Mainly, we hope we'll have your prayers! We love you all—lots!

ATTENTION: We've changed our cell phone # AGAIN! It's 801-362-4325! We think we've got the right phone with the right plan now. Took lots of switching but we're back with AT&T with an old technology phone. We'll be taking it with us.



Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

We are so happy to have our baby girl. Meguire Rae came to us on Feb 13th at 9:30pm. She was 7lbs, 11oz; 21in. long; she has dark hair (not as much as Landon though) and blue eyes. She's about 3 weeks old now and it's really been a fun time for us. Kelly is especially happy to finally have a little girl. She's always wanted to have a little girl to dress up and all so hopefully they'll grow to be good friends over the years. She's been a good baby so far; very



healthy and seemingly happy most of the time. The boys have been very good with her too. Landon and Thayne really like to sit down and hold her quite often. At first Thayne said he wanted a brother, but when he found out, he said it would be ok. Cason and Tanner have both been helpful with her too. It's been so nice to have Kelly's mom here with us. She's a hard worker and has been a big help. It will be sad when she has to go back home.

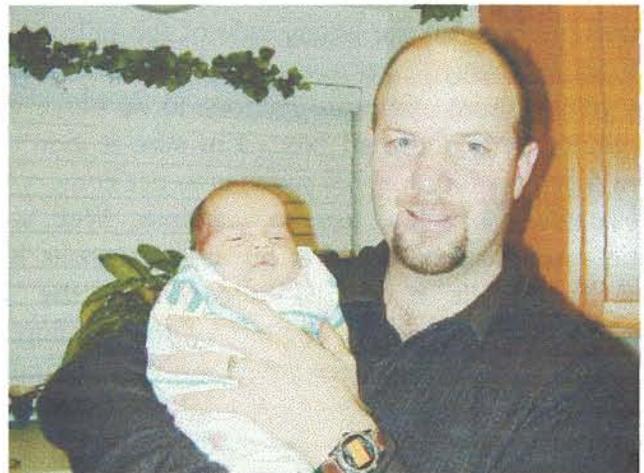
We've had so many people give us gifts. And



the other night one of Kelly's friends had a baby shower for her. Kelly just counted the outfits we've been given and there are 73 of them! In addition, there are lots of socks and things. People have been kind and generous.

The first night or two after bringing Meguire home, Kelly kept poking me because I was snoring. So I've been sleeping out on the couch since then! The couch is comfortable enough and we all get more sleep that way!

Landon got his cast off right soon after Meguire was born. On the way to the doctor,



Landon had his cast arm in Meguire's car seat. Kelly looked back to make sure he wasn't going to hurt her with his cast and found that he was just holding her hand. It was funny after he got his cast off. Seemed that he had gotten used to the weight and found it strange to be without it.

Tanner is finally starting basketball. I'm coaching his team and we're having fun with it.

Cason is really getting good at soccer. He's been playing indoor soccer lately and his coach has made positive comments about his play. They have a conditioning coach who also had good things to say about Cason. He said Cason is one

