

Happy Happenings

Coons

January just flew right by. During the school break Hannah and I made a cute pink apron. Brittney and I made a pillow for Taffy. She loved it a lot but she chewed on it so we are going to save it for her puppies instead. Brittney is doing great with the oboe and Brittney, Hannah and I are enjoying the piano.

I have been working a lot on Dad's scrap-

books. I have pictures from George Burnett's parents (John and Victoria), Ethel's parents and grandparents on both side, and everyone from them to us. It has been nice to feel like I'm getting to know them better. I am getting a lot of new information from the pictures and Lisa is going to help me research it so we can add new people to our genealogy and do their Temple work.

Todd and I went on

our 13th Anniversary trip to San Diego in January. We had a neat teenage girl from our ward, Heidi Ray, keep the kids and we were gone from Friday morning until Sunday evening. The kids had a great time. The Ray's dog has 6 puppies. Heidi did make-overs with the girls and had movie nights and lots of other fun things. Todd and I really enjoyed San Diego. We stayed at a Marriott right downtown. It was a beautiful hotel

that used to be a bank. They even still have the vault and safe-deposit boxes downstairs and use the rooms for board meetings and stuff. We took our bikes and rode along the beach and watched the sun set. We saw a lighthouse and a really fancy hotel by the beach. The food was great (Japanese and Indian) and it was just nice. We sure love you all! Love, The Coons

Sorensens

January was a good month. The kids played indoor soccer through the school and thought that was pretty fun. Jaxon goes to Boy Scouts and Jancy goes to Girls Scouts. They enjoy that. Rix and I (Lana) went with Jaxon's class on a fieldtrip up to

Cody, Wyoming. We went to a Buffalo Bill Museum that was really neat. The kids weighed in their next year's fair steers. Jancy's weighed 60 pounds more but Jaxon thinks his is better looking. The heifers are supposed to start calving this week and Aaron doesn't have

anyone working for him right now so between that and church, I'm sure he will be busy. Rix is recovering well and is walking everywhere. Broox and Dixon are great kids. We are busy helping Dad and they love it. Broox likes to ride his horse and was helping Aaron herd cows at the

neighbors. They were running after a cow and his horse decided to buck. Aaron said he lasted three or four jumps and lost both his boots. Dixon talks all the time about his imaginary horse that does all the things that Broox's horse does.

White

Hi Family!

Here we are on a real mission! Wow! Things are a lot different than we (or at least I) had expected. I really thought that this would be kind of like a super calling in the Church. One that would take a lot more time than most, but not, like the Dallas Mission, such a full-time commitment. (Duh—it *is* a full-time mission) I also thought we'd live at home, carry on a pretty normal life and ride the bus to Salt Lake City each day. But that's not to be. But we're happy and feeling the blessings of dedicating ourselves to the call.

I'll recap the major events of January. It'll be hard to summarize because so much has gone on. On January 5, 2007 we attended a get-to-know-you welcoming lunch in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. I was so impressed with the Mission Presidency and their staff. They were all so friendly and organized! On Monday, after the

devotional held in the JSMB chapel for all full-time missionaries, (about 450) we started our training in the "Training Zone." Heavy on computer skills, our one-on-one trainer spent an entire week sitting at our side, going through a checklist of basic skills needed before we could go forward in learning the genealogy research tools needed to help patrons and accomplish our own research. It was great!

Then came our assignment. Before our call, we had no idea how many different "zones" we might be asked to serve in. More than 20 different assignments could have been made. All the way from greeting patrons to working in the copy center, re-shelving or mending and labeling books, copying sections of film or microfiche for distant patrons, or helping in the Church History Library. Lots! And many assignments are in the Church Office Building or JSMB. There are really only 3 zones which do what I typically thought of when we planned to serve. Working in

the US and Canada Reference Zone, the International Reference Zone, or the British Reference Zone. Some of these tasks seemed especially more desirable than others! I was sure praying that whatever the assignment, I would be able to graciously accept it.

We were *thrilled* when we were *both* assigned to work in the British Reference area! We feel slightly overwhelmed when we see all there is to learn to be able to truly know what we're doing. (Lynn says slightly?), but we are forging ahead with our "Apprentice Program" which we have to complete before they'll really turn us loose to help patrons. Then there's a "Journeyman Program" with a huge manual which comes next and could take months to complete. Lots to learn for old brains.

We're loving it though! When we had been in the British area for 3 weeks and just as I was feeling a little more comfortable about *maybe* learning what

goes on there (it's amazing), the Zone Leader called me in and asked me to fill an assignment. He explained that he had wanted to reorganize the British training program for some time but hadn't had the right combination of Missionaries to accomplish it. The assistant Zone Leader bore testimony that as he sat in a recent devotional, (held in the chapel of the Salt Lake Temple—Elder Nelson was the speaker), the whole organization chart, complete with names and assignments came to him. So much so, that when he got home that night it only took him 5 minutes to get it into the computer.

He showed the chart to me and my jaw dropped! There with the Zone Leader in the top box and a dotted line to the Assistant Zone Leader in charge of training, was a large box with the words "TRAINING SUPERVISOR—SISTER WHITE" in the middle. Then a whole list of responsibilities, followed with dotted lines to four smaller boxes with the names of the countries we specialize in

three of them and “computer specialist” in the fourth, which also had names in them. SO, I have a new, pretty overwhelming assignment. I haven’t even finished my own training (or really barely begun) and I’m going to be the supervisor over ALL training on the British Reference floor with four people on my committee? Yeah—Sure. I’m forging on though. And getting quite a lot of help and inspiration from Heavenly Father. And the call hasn’t even been announced yet! That comes this next Tuesday and I’m nervously excited to see how people will respond to having a “newbie” (Jeremy’s word for greenie) propose to train them in things she doesn’t know! They’re all missionaries, though, so it should be ok! Right? I’m praying!

The other huge news is that we’ve moved. Yup, we live in a swell apartment in a little old converted hotel in downtown SLC. Maybe this news should have come first since I don’t think Heavenly Father could’ve in-

spired them to call me to such a demanding position had we still been traveling in every day. Lynn got pretty sick and tired (pretty quickly) of the drive. It was awful, with all the snow and ice and extremely cold temperatures. I’m sure had it been summer, we might not have caved in so quickly. We didn’t even give riding the bus a real good try. But, after praying, he definitely decided he wanted to move in. Other missionaries had told us how much more a part of the mission and the branch they felt after deciding to live close. They also talked about how much simpler life was. That appealed! And here I thought we had chosen a mission where we could live at home and SAVE MONEY! Oh well, it’s just **your** inheritance we’re spending! And it’s only money! So, come to see us. It’s cute and cozy and we walk to the Library every day (so far).

We love you all and hope you will pray for your missionary parents. You’ve done it

before. Do it again, Please. We’ve been promised that we’ll be in the palm of the Lord’s hand if we serve this mission full-time. I’ve already been SO blessed. I hold a copy of Charles Palmer and Sarah Welch’s marriage certificate in my hand. I now know where they lived when they were married, and what their father’s names were. I hope this will lead me to find the record of their children’s birth information. Yes, Larry! After all these years, I am fulfilling the challenge you gave me. All because we’re doing the Lord’s work.

BUT, and this is a big but (No pun intended), we still want to be close to our family. We want you to call us, invite us, include us, inform us—even if you’re pretty sure we won’t be able to come. Who knows? We have lots of latitude if we ask ahead of time. (Anthony, that means you’ll have to call sooner).

PLEASE let us know what’s going on in your lives. And what we should pray for.

We want so much to be included.

So, our cell phone doesn’t ring down on the second level basement. But it does take messages which I get when we go to the 3rd floor for lunch and I’ll call you back then. In the evening and on weekends we’ll be using 362-4325. We’re leaving 766-4940 active and will sometimes be home on the weekends or will get the messages left there. But I want you to keep the Library numbers close at hand and CALL to get us immediately if there’s even the slightest emergency. I want to know! And the mission wants us to be close to our families—they don’t mind calling us to the phone!

British Reference Desk—240-2090 or 240-3952 or 240-3006. Our Zone Leader, Elder Pryde is 240-3942. There’s a phone in our break room 240-3430. CALL!

Do all of you feel our love for you? Do you feel our concern? Good! You’re smart kids!

Wilsons

Hi Family! We are getting more settled in Utah, while Greg continues to do all of the million requirements for retirement as well as doing his regular job. He has had workshops on a lot of different topics, the most time consuming of which have turned out to be resume writing and the VA. He has to document all of the injuries that he has had over the years and show each incident in his medical records, which has been complicated by the fact that some of his records were missing and he is having to track them down. He is doing fine in his trailer and is very busy.

We finally got a call from Rich last weekend. He is doing well in his job and has friends in his unit. He lives in the barracks on Camp Hovey, which is 12 miles from the border with North Korea. He said that there has been a revolution of sorts with the young people over there. He says that the dream of the subservient Korean wife is gone because the Korean girls are feisty now. He said there are a lot of demonstrations in front of the different military installations because the young people want the Americans out of South Korea. That is mostly because of the stupidity of the soldiers, though. They do terrible things like beat up a taxi driver and steal his car, destroy bars, rape girls and old women; its just awful. Rich works a lot, not getting back home until 8:00 at night. He will

be spending a lot of time in the field and is out right now. When he is at home he is pretty bored, so he bought himself a guitar and is planning on learning to play.

Amy is busy with school, work and getting her mission papers ready to turn in. She has all science classes this semester including Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry, Virology and Mission Prep. She has moved to the point in her job where she can set her own hours except that she has to work on Sunday. That seemed really strange to me, but she sets up and takes down the microphones for the various wards that meet in the buildings on campus. I guess somebody has to do it. She is almost ready to put in her mission papers. She has seen the dentist, the doctor and has her Stake president interview set up. She and Greg are planning on running a half-marathon in Kaysville in May, so she is also training for that. She is pretty busy.

Brianna wants everyone to know that she continues to draw breath. She is doing well in school and adjusting well to the new environment. The Tuesday after the ward received her records she was called to be the Laurel class president and is getting to know all of the girls in the ward. She is taking voice lessons at The Music School here in American Fork and enjoy-

ing that, too. She is planning to apply for a job and then she will be even more busy.

Jeff wants everyone to know how amazing he is and just-how great, and that everyone should look up to him. There is another boy in the ward who's name is Jeff and he is shorter than Jeff so they call them little Jeff and big Jeff and Jeff thinks that it makes him sound fat. He is doing really well in school, too. He had to do a science project this weekend and he did a really good job; its a good thing, too because it is due tomorrow. Seriously, He is doing well, making friends, doing well in all of his classes and has a great attitude. He is taking piano lessons at The Music School and practices all of the time. He is really learning fast and I predict that he will far surpass his mother in that department.

I am also doing well except for the fact that I really miss my sweetie. We are going down to see him for President's day and that will be the first time we have seen him since Christmas. Oh well, with our strong love and faith we will get through this. I am staying very busy with all of the fun stuff I can do now that I'm not working. I go to the gym every morning for water aerobics (Greg got me a Gold's membership for Christmas-by request) and that takes a big chunk of time because of

course you have to sit in the hot tub and steam room after. On Wednesdays I go to an awesome institute class on the D&C taught by sister Vivian Adams, who is Bruce R. McConkie's daughter and Joseph Fielding McConkie's sister. I love it and always learn so much. I also go to the Temple every Wed. at 1:30. The Stake President challenged all of the High Priests and their wives to go to the temple at least once a week and suggested Wed. at 1:30 because it was not very well attended. Now it is, though; our stake fills a session-men and women. Since the weather has warmed up a bit I was able to walk up there last Wed. it was a great time for contemplation. My contribution to the household here is that I cook dinner on weeknights, which I am really enjoying. I have tried a few new recipes and am remembering how much I like to cook since Greg has done most of the cooking for the past seven years. We have helped mom and dad get settled into their new apartment and try to do something with them each weekend. They get a day each month to go to the temple and I was able to go with them last month and this Tuesday we will go to the Salt Lake temple.

We love you all and pray for you. Don't forget that we are here now and yearn to spend time with family.

Burnetts

Kelly painted some of our upstairs walls this last month. It looks a lot better! We've been in our house for 7 years now and our boys have made a lot of dents and dings!

Tanner and Thayne are enjoying playing basketball. They're both on teams that don't win a lot (at all) but they both have fun.

Landon is playing indoor soccer. That's pretty funny to watch! They play on a really small field with small goals and no goalie. He scored a goal last week and was very excited about it.

Meg is excited for her birthday. I can't believe she'll be 4 years old. I can't believe Cason is 15 either! Time gets away from you.

Hope everyone is well.



Family Reunion 2007

Mark your calendar for this year's Family Reunion. We will be going to the Dye's cabin in Scofield, Utah. It's a little over an hour from Laura and Greg's house. Jeremy's Welcome Home is on Sunday, July 8. The reunion will start the morning of Monday the 9th and end the morning of Thursday the 12th. If you have ideas for activities, call Laura or Leslie. Let us know if these meal assignments don't work. We will send this

and the cousin gift exchange out again as it gets closer.

Lana and Loreen are doing the Humanitarian Project. We are planning to haul firewood to the cabin for the Dyes and buy a permanent picnic table. We are also looking into doing a project for Primary Children's Hospital.

We hope everyone can make it and look forward to another GREAT reunion!!

Mon.

Lunch Loreen

Dinner Lisa

Tues.

B-fast Laura

Lunch Lawson

Dinner Larry

Wed.

B-fast Loreen & Lawson

Lunch Lana

Dinner Leslie

Thurs.

B-fast Leftovers