

July 16, 2012

Dear, Family

So good to hear from you all again. Sounds like all of you kids are having an awesome time at Aunt Michel's and Uncle Ryan's, but that comes as no surprise, because I don't believe that it is possible to go and stay with them and not have fun. This week has been a good one Sister Thilika was confirmed this Sunday, by my companion, and then she bore her testimony. I was filled with such joy, as I heard her bare her testimony of how as she had prayed to our Heavenly Father to seek an answer, and of how she had then felt in her heart that the message that we had shared was true. She then bore her testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith, of the Living Prophet, of the Book of Mormon, and how she knew that this is the only true church on this earth. And then what she did touched me the most when she expressed her gratitude to her Heavenly Father for blessing her to be able to find the true church in these the last days, and that she knows that she can return back to him someday. I felt the Spirit so strongly as she bore her testimony, and felt such joy in seeing her eternal progression. As I believe that I told you Sister Thilika came as an answer to my prayer in faith that we could find some one who was prepared to hear the Gospel, and the next door we knocked was hers. Her Sister Amu is also preparing for baptism, along with her cousin Satesh, who is scheduled to be baptized on the 29th of this month. One thing that we learned in Zone Conference the week before, is that the affects of one persons conversion, never end with just that one person, but that Generations are in one persons conversion to the truth. I know this is true, even as I look at my own Grandparents. I know that it is through missionaries effort, and Grandpa and Grandma Comin's, and Grandma Sommer's sincere desire to know the truth that I am blessed with the Gospel today. I also know that it is also through Grandpa Sommer's sincere desire to follow and know the truth that I am here on my mission today. Most especially I know that it is because both Grandpa and Grandpa Comin and Sommer, and Mom and Dad lived, and loved the gospel that the gospel is blessing each of our lives today. That our Family is Sealed for time and All Eternity. I hope this example will give each of us a great desire to share the gospel, because when we choose not to generations hang in the balance. I know that if we truly recognize ourselves as children of our Heavenly Father with the divine potential of becoming like him someday, that our desire will be to also help all of our brothers and sisters to also receive this assurance. I just wanted to encourage you all this week to please SEARCH, PONDER, and, PRAY, about the scriptures, as I have done this my understanding has been enlightened, and I have found countless truths that I had not before recognized in the scriptures. The scriptures have become so real to me, as I have sought to understand how the scriptures can apply, to not only my life, but also to the lives of those with whom my companion and I are sharing the gospel with. My time is short, but I hope that you are all having a wonderful time at home and Aunt Michel's and Uncle Ryan's (Say hi to them For ME). Thank you for your letters and especially for your prayers and testimonies. Thanks Dad for the experience you shared with me about feeling the Spirit impress you to let the girls know that you and mom love them. I know that our home is such a special place, where I have felt the Spirit so often in my life, I can truly say that I always felt a special feeling when ever I was at home, and especially when I was with all of you. Remember that I love you all so much, keep up the good work and stay safe.

Love Elder Sommer

P.S. How many pictures did you receive and,

Thanks for the summer Sausage it is gone now, but I really enjoyed it while it lasted.

Also please say thank you to Aunt Katie, and also to Grandpa and Grandma Sommer for the letter they wrote me.