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who nearly "lost it" replacing panels of the dress and covering other parts. When she feels better, she will talk about it.

(It's okay, I've recovered.) Also at Thanksgiving, the quilts that were started at the reunion were presented to Jean and Larry, and they posed for some pictures. Once again we all examined the handprints and messages. Eve and Sam got their handprints in at the last minute. Since we had one space for the who, what, and when, of the whole quilt we also added "Grampa's dog" — Missy. She lives with Jim and Cindy and has been around for a very, very long time.

One "feature" of living in Hawaii is the moisture in the air. This is causing our printing of this newsletter to be

extremely difficult, as damp paper does not print as well.

We are doing a dance between paper package and printer to keep things out of the moist air as much as possible. Sometimes it works, and sometimes the printing is splochy. We would like a climate controlled room for our computer.

For all you music fans, Don noticed that the piano at the Temple Visitor Center had electricity running to it. He made a joke to a friend about the "electric piano." We found out that most the pianos here have dehumidifiers in them.:-) Merry Christmas from All of us to All of You!



Stacia and Isaac with our van in front of 55-527 Iosepa St, Laie, HI 96762.

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Stop
to the World
the Lord has Come



Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from the Coltons

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It seems like every year lately is a year of change. This year seems to have had more change than previous ones, but perhaps the change is just different and every year from now on will have lots of change. This year Joseph went on a mission to

Okayama, Japan. This means that he will not be living with us for a long time. Larissa got married to Sam Workman, which means that she will probably not be living with us except for visits. (Although we do know a lot of other parents that also thought this and things turned out differently.)

Along with these changes were the radical changes Don encountered that affected the whole family. He went from being a poor starving student to being a poor starving professor, having earned a PhD at Oregon Graduate Institute (OGI), and taking a position at Brigham Young University in Hawaii (BYUH). Living in Hawaii is very different from anywhere we have lived before. There are a lot of things to get used to and to enjoy.

One thing we were able to enjoy before we moved was a Jean & Larry Colton Family Reunion. It was held at Silver Falls State Park in Oregon. Nearly all the relatives were able to attend. This is rare and made it especially fun. One fun thing we did at the reunion was start a quilt each for Jean and Larry.

We all put our handprints on squares of material with paint. After they were dry we wrote our names and personal messages. It was great fun to read what everyone else had written and to look at the little kids' handprints. We tried to do the traditional family picture. We are sure getting to be a big family. We need to figure out

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Isaac

It is fun at school. And I like school. I like moving. We moved next to Bubba's house. We lived there for a week and then we moved to another house. I like going to Hawaii. What is 10 plus 10 equals 20? I like mailing everybody on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. And I like playing at everybody's house that I know, that's my friend! And all of my friends are Kevin on the Mainland, Kekoa, Jessica, and I like Melayne and Joseph and John, and the rest of my

friends are Jared, Bubba, Lasina, Aaroo, Coleson, Daeana, and Michael.

I dressed up as a pirate for Halloween. This is my "pumpkin." It is really a painted coconut.

I like playing at the playground at school. The playground is fun and the first recess is on one side of the gate and on the second recess we go to the other side of the gate.

I am learning to read. Everyday mom and I read together. It is fun.

I am also learning to write phonetically. Recently I was frustrated getting a computer program to start, so I typed "wut duw we duw to git in to warcraft2". Dad came along and captured my writing and put it into this newsletter. He is impressed with my many abilities.



Favorites

- Foods: Ramen and fruits.
- Toys: Legos.
- Computer: Print and Draw Pictures, The Mud Puddle, Warcraft II, (which we can't play on Sunday), AJ, Rocket Game, Activities: Run around the house outside.
- Christmas wishes: A volcano game, a nintendo game, a monkey game, and other stuff.
- Want to be: I want to be a teacher.

Stacia

I am Stacia Colton. I am 11 years old. My nicknames is Shastales. I am in sixth grade. I enjoy school. It is fun. I still have recess. I have lots of friends here. One of my friend's is named Marino. She is moving to Japan on January 15, 1998. I enjoy going to the Hawaiian Temple and watching the movies that they show in the visitors center. Thanksgiving weekend was spent with my cousins Matt, Chris, James, and Rachel Colton. They live in Buckley, Washington. Grandpa and Grandma Colton were there too. We gave them quilts for their missions. We also brought six coconuts painted with a Santa Claus face for Grandma Clayton, Grandma Colton, Cindy Colton, Larissa Workman, Eve Knibbs, and a friend.



Favorites

- Friends: Marino, Ericka, Natalie, Sunshine, Juliana, Courtney, Charlamagne, Lauren, Katy, Kathrine.
- Foods: Lasagna, Pizza, Spaghetti.
- Toys: Legos, Nanos, Giga Pets, Tommagotchis
- Movies: Annie, A Gooty Movie.
- Hobbies: Jumping rope.
- Animals: bunnies.
- Books: A Wrinkle in Time, The Whipping Boy.
- Wanna be: rich and nice.
- Christmas wants: money, pierced ears, two nanos, tammagatchis, or giga pets.

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1997 Colton Family Reunion, Silver Falls, OR

how to make more layers of people. By the time we got everyone into the picture we were quite far away from the camera. So if you get out your magnifying glass you can look at the blurry shapes of the people in our extended family. :-:) From left to right there is our family (Don and Lois), then Perry and Angela, then Brent and Cheryl, then the singles (Roseann, Steve, April, Leann), then Maryjo and Murray, then Jim and Cindy (complete with grandparents). Larry and Jean are front and center.

Thanksgiving was a wonder-

ful vacation. Larissa got married, and this gave us the excuse to spend some money and fly everyone back from Hawaii to the mainland. Lois went early with Stacia and Isaac to Seattle, and spent about a week before she was joined by Don and the older boys. The month of November was a whirlwind of getting things ready for the wedding, including an interesting episode with a leaky pen and a very white wedding dress. This led to one interesting and very long day for the seamstress,



Duct tape to the rescue. Sort of. Someone at the reunion offered candy if they would stay quiet, so the kids put on this tape to prove they were being quiet.

Don

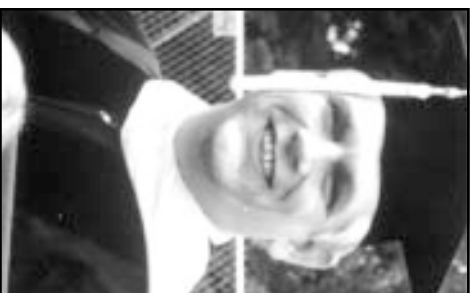
It has been an eventful year. I don't think I would have believed it. We finished the long-sought PhD degree in four years and two months, and found a job in Hawaii teaching at BYU. I am very pleased to be here. I think I can make a good contribution to the skills and knowledge of my diverse group of students.

It has been a challenge for me to learn the polynesian culture. There is a lack of the hurry that seemed to characterize life on the mainland. Here the focus is on people and their feelings. This is a side of my personality that is much less developed than my skills of logic and planning. Logic and planning do not work here the same as I had grown to expect. So I am learning to walk with new legs. Or rather, I am learning to crawl. Lois is much more in her element and coaches me from time to time. It is still a challenge for me.

It has been nice to be able to walk five or ten minutes to almost anyplace in town. I have not ridden my bicycle in months, and seldom drive anyplace. I think the walking has been good exercise for me, and I am losing a bit around the waist but not as much on the bathroom scales as I would like. When it rains, the rain is warm. I have been walking to school in sandals. Lately I have added socks to my wardrobe. Today was actually hot but the past few days have sometimes been cool. Nobody has a furnace here. Air conditioning is the order of the day. Air coolers. Dehumidifiers. Ceiling fans. It is often muggy weather.

One interesting aspect of my job has been the do-it-yourself mentality that is fostered. Back at OGI there was a systems support staff that controlled the computers and set things up. Here that job falls on the shoulders of each person that wants something special. Everything I need help with is special, of course, since if it were not special I would be able to do it easily. I will be building my office computer during Christmas break and into January. I could have ordered one, but it is somehow more rewarding to build it myself from parts, and to decide what parts should be in it.

I am blessed (or cursed) to live an interesting life in interesting times. I hope the same is true for each of you! -- Love, Don



Favorites

Relaxation: Reading. I am reading a translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and occasionally pick up some historical fiction.

Foods: stuff with fat in it.

Movies: Contact.

TV Show: Babylon 5.

Colors: Blue and White.

Hobbies: Programming.

Unix, Tel. C, soon Java.

Radio Station: NPR.

Musician: Mannheim

Steamroller, particularly

at Christmas time.

Activities: Going for ice

Cream cones with Lois.

Achievement: PhD 1997,

marriage of Larissa,

mission of Joseph.

Books: Work & the Glory,

Storm Testament.

Vacation: seeing friends.

Wanna be: Helpful.

Christmas Wants: good

evaluation ratings by

my students, successful

students, more skill at

teaching. Oh, a new

computer for the family

would be nice, too. :-)

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Daniel

Hi. My name is Daniel, commonly called dangle (nickname). I am 14 going on 15. It is a healthy age at which freedom is mine and dictatorship is nonexistent. Seminary is fun. Since it is my first year, it has left a good impression on me, but the teacher is inexperienced at the teaching. I am one of the smartest kids in it, and I am the only one who answers the questions quickly AND correctly. This year I have made many friends, all of which are good examples, and worthy friends. My life of talking on the phone to girls is weak. Now I am constantly on email and talking to my old friends, since I can't afford to call them long distance to chat for an hour. I still go ward hopping as I did in Oregon, and it is still the most pleasant thing to do all week, but alas it only is for one day a week. Music is a real smash here. Everyone is into it, making every occasion a pleasant one at that.

Living in Hawaii is a different story than Oregon. It is my dream to go back to Oregon and stay for a while. Not for only like a week, but a summer. It is always hot here, but you adjust to it and it is no longer a problem, as long as you have a fan :-)



Favorites

Relaxation: sleep

Friends: many

Foods: poni popo

Toys: not many

School: I do

Games: they are cool

Computer games:

Warcraft2

Movies: so I married an

ax murderer

Colors: red yellow and

blue

Hobbies: good grades

Radio Station: 101.9

Songs: "If you could only

see"

Singer: TONIC

Activities: yes (friends)

Animals: no

Achievement Wish: to go

to the mainland, and

break many polynesian

traditions about boys

and girls.

Christmas Wants: a big

box of gargoyles and

my own paid for phone

line.

:-)

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Benjamin

All right, this year I'm a thespian. The only play I was in was "Our Town" but I'll be in "Grease" next month.

I'm taking after school classes to get enough credits to graduate.

Other than that I'm just having a good time making lots of friends here in Hawaii.

I'm friends with two pairs of twins, the Kajayamas, Jennifer, and Nicole, and the Underwoods, Diana and Renee. In general 90% of my friends are girls. Isn't that cool! Well anyway, I also hone my skills of playing chess. I play a pretty mean game of it. Even beat my dad a time or two.

There is also a Lady that I really like in my life, who will remain nameless. "She" is half Japanese, and also really into drama, and acting. We live in a little town, full of little people every day like the one before.



Favorites

Relaxation: meditation, and "Talking story"

Foods: I go for healthy food right now.

Games: Chess, Cross-country, and camping.

Movies: Princess Bride, Balto, Labarinth, and Hunchback

Colors: red and gray.

Activities: playing games and drama.

Wanna Be: A missionary, Nothing much more.

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Lois

As you can tell from the return address we moved to Hawaii this year. That is quite the move compared to moving around the "mainland," the "lower 48" or the "US"—whatever you call it. It takes a long time to get stuff shipped around. I got really used to sleeping on the floor. Then when I thought I would get organized here, Larissa got engaged. This threw me into a whirlwind of sewing for over a month. On November 19th Stacia, Isaac, and I left for Seattle. I was able to visit with my parents and Jim and Cindy's family until after Thanksgiving. Then we went down to Oregon for Larissa and Sam's wedding. I was so exhausted when it was all over. I think mothers cry at weddings from exhaustion. :-)

I like living in Hawaii. It is a lot different from what you think it would be like. Laie is a great town, away from the hassle-bussle that I've lived with for so long. It is a welcome change.

I have met so many absolutely wonderful people here. It is the closest place to Zion that I have seen on earth yet. People are so friendly and it is a pleasure to walk around town. We have so many wonderful opportunities right here, with BYUH, the Polynesian Cultural Center, the beach, and the Temple within walking distance. Now shopping is another matter. It is an excursion into Honolulu to get anything. :-)



Favorites

Being with those I love and writing letters and email to those I'm not with.

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*Lots of Love,
Lois*

Larissa & Sam Workman

This year has been quite an eventful one. Judging from the first seven months of it though, you would never have known. I ended attending BYU for a little while and returned home to work. I was employed with Wells Fargo Bank, first in the Cash Vault as a processor for the "big bucks" and then in the credit card department as a customer service representative.



Shortly after Joseph left for his mission things started to pick up. A friend of mine returned from his mission and we hung out quite a bit. His name is Samuel Workman. He finished his mission in Utah started in Oklahoma) and was returning there to attend school. Things heated up pretty quick and before I knew it we were dating. He went to Utah and we kept in close contact. He returned around Labor day to pick up the rest of his stuff and we spent the day with his family at the beach. Then about a month later I drove out to Utah and moved in with the Pedersens. Sam proposed to me that night (October 1st) and we set a date for the 29th of November. If you want any details on the "popping of the question" you will have to write to us (email is okay) and request details.

Well, November 29th came and went. I am now married and you all must refer to me now as Larissa Workman. Well, Sam and I will include a little about ourselves now. Happy Holidays!!!

Sam's Favorites

- color: black and white (there is no in between!)
- food: anything Mexican
- movie: Monty Python and the Holy Grail
- book: the Book of Mormon
- game: spin the bottle (with my new wife, of course! :-))
- computer game: WarCraft II
- pastime: refer to game (above)
- car: corvette
- scripture: Alma 5:14
- flower: carnations
- music type: alternative, rock
- music group: the Beatles (John Lennon is still alive)
- song: Lost in Your Eyes by Debbie Gibson
- achievement: getting Larissa to like me (much less marry me!)
- thing to buy: flowers for my wife
- vacation spot: sunny Southern California
- dream: the one where everything goes my way and Larissa is always with me!
- christmas wants: my two front teeth

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Larissa's Favorites

- color: forest green and maroon
- food: potatoes - many different ways
- movie: Up Close and Personal or Clueless
- book: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- game: risk
- computer game: freecell or jones
- pastime: listening to music and hanging with my honey
- car: corvette
- flower: roses (of course)
- scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7 (coincidence?)
- music: everything except heavy metal
- music group: so many to choose from....
- song: ditto...
- achievement: landing Sam as a husband
- thing to buy: Kim Anderson's little kid posters and stuff (the little kids in black and white)
- vacation spot: anywhere with my husband
- christmas wants: money is all a newleywed couple needs... :-)

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Joseph

I started the year working at Intel and Taco Bell. Then one day I glanced at our home answering machine and noticed that it had three messages. I decided to play them. The second was from my sister. She requested that Mom not let me open my mission call until she got home from work. That is when I realized that my mission call had arrived.



Frantically I searched my parents room. I needed to find that letter. When it was in my possession, I decided to secure it in my car. That night I opened it with dozens of friends and family looking on.



I decided to take the "Curry Challenge" at the local Curry Shop. You get 1.3 kg of curry and rice and 20 minutes to eat it. If you don't finish in time it costs about \$15.00. It took me 13 minutes so I got it free.

There are almost four thousand missionaries at the MTC. For the finale of celebration on July 24, they had us all march into Cougar Stadium at BYU singing "Called to Serve," one fourth from each entrance. One of the best things about the event was that we could see the huge audience in tears as we sang.

The mission president said he had a lot of respect for me and he wants to make me a senior companion soon. That is scary, I am still trying to speak the language. Having a Japanese companion has really done some great things for me. I have learned about Japanese culture, point of view, and language. For my current address you can email mom since it can change at anytime.



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