

August 2nd 1982

We had another good rainstorm today, the wind blew, and the thunder cracked. The city was connecting to a new water system, so our water lines burst and we were without inside water, though great water puddles were all over the ground.

The Lord gave mother a blessing through me. This evening, he told her to start using her mind, that her health would continue to improve, that she would be tended at Phyllis and to feel part of the family. That she should learn how to be happy again.

Aug 3rd Tuesday

Mother is in Idaho, I feel a let down and in a melancholy mood. Our fanfare for being here in Delta is up now. So, from this day on we wait upon the Lord. I am able to do a full day's work now.

Aug 4 Wed

Clara Beth left for home this morning at 4:00 AM. We are now left alone in this house. But not for long, I hope. Something has to give. We had a rainstorm this past week that hurt many of the farmers here in the area. It stripped the seed, and the wind scattered the hay.

Aug 5th of Aug Thurs.

I took the children to watch a church tournament. We bought some snow cones. A gentleman dressed in a white shirt and nice black pants was sitting one row down on the bleachers. Steven put his hand on his knees to climb up to me. He indignantly wiped the knee where (Steven's) his little hand was. Francine was sitting behind him and dropped her snow cone all down his back. I wasn't even interested in who was playing, we left the bleachers.

Aug 6th 1982

Today I took the boys to Salt Lake, to see professional wrestling. Colby, York, Ashley, and Ammon went with me. We stopped at Provo and returned some books to Uncle Loren. Then on to Salt Lake. We found Colby a Dungeon and Dragon game we ate at Dee's and went to Liberty Park, went to Temple Square and then on to the Wrestling.

I enjoyed the day a great deal with the boys. We got home at 2:30AM

Aug 7th 1982

I worked and came home tired. Titine and I went for a ride to get milk. Titine thinks that she is pregnant.

Aug 8th 1982

Today I had some help from on high with my Priesthood class. I also had some feelings of the problems Ammon is going to have because of his defense of the gospel. The spirit continues to impress upon me the greatness of America.

We called Bill tonight; he is coming home this week. Titine is going after him.

August 9th

I spent the evening playing Dungeons and Dragons with the children, at times the game got very spirited. We never went to bed until 11:30pm.

August 10 & 11th

Titine left for St. George today to pickup Bill. She will return Friday. The Lord taught me again where I was going astray. I do so appreciate it.

I had some more impressions of some things to come, but the time limit I am not sure, they were of wars, upon this land.

Aug 12th 1982

I took the children to the movie tonight. Star Trek II. An outer space movie. We enjoyed being together.

Aug 13, 1982, Fri

Titine, and the children got home today. It seems so good to have the family all together again. The younger boys seem to enjoy Bill so much.

Saturday 14th 1982

I took the children swimming; we had an enjoyable time. Robert jumps off the high dive and knows how to swim. Darien jumps off the low dive and can swim a few strokes, Francine knows how to swim. Bill and I played water basketball. We then played Dungeons and Dragons until after midnight.

Sunday 15th of Aug

Attended our Church meetings. I didn't have much success with Deacon's lesson today. A Missionary reported his mission today. He had some good experiences.

Monday 16th Aug

Bill started Football today. I had a good conversation with Jim Porter. Titine took some of the children and went to the movie. I stayed home and watched the little ones and played D&D with three older boys.

Tuesday 17th

Today was another blow day. Just marking time.

Wed 18th

Today was rather a slow day at work. The water came. I took the kids swimming to the swimming pool, not in the ditch water. I got home and get depressed. Not really depressed, just anxious and feel expectations. But nothing really happens.

Titine is sick and miserable with this pregnancy. Our life is up in the air again. I ought to be getting use to it. We did have a four-year breather in Huntington. But for the past year it has been touch and go. Mostly touch. School starts next week. I have had some impressions that the children wouldn't start school in Delta. I can't live without hope. For that is all I have to sustain me in these times of waiting. I do know that the Lord sustains his children. If the just think positive and continues on in faith, patience and hope and pray to him often.

Thurs 18th 1982

18 years ago, Titine and I began our lives together. We have moved 19 times and worked at jobs not a few. We have seen hard times and many good times. All of the time Titine has stayed in the know and let me provide a living. We have eleven children, with another on the way.

Tonight, we bought some pop, potatoes chips, cinnamon fish, and I bought me an ice cream sandwich. We also had some grapes. We rode over to Filmore and back. But we enjoyed each other's company. Being to [broke to really [retreat]].

20-21st Aug

Hot muggy days and warm nights. I have worked and spent time with the family. Titine is quite sick. The rest of us are well and healthy.

Sunday 22 August

The family participated or put on the sacrament meeting today. I spoke on prayer. Titine talked on the family, Rebecca talked on the last times and youth, Colby talked on tithing, Ashley, Ammon, Francine, and Robert sang the song "love one another". Bill and York tended the little ones. I felt that the program went quite well.

I wanted to know how much I had grown spiritually over the past eight years. I asked the Lord to show me while praying. I felt His spirit withdraw from me; it withdrew until I was left without His spirit. I felt so lonely and deserted. I was so grateful that it didn't last long. For when I started working on my talk again the spirit had returned, and I was once more in some degree at unity with him. I felt that the Lord helped me organize this talk. I am so grateful for the comfort that our Father in Heaven gives me. I just hope that I do not offend him very badly or very often.

Since Titine has felt so miserable, Rebecca has taken over very well. With Titine out of commission, 50% of the family doesn't function very well.

Monday Aug 23rd

Worked, Albert came over and talked for a while. When he left, I spent time with the children. Titine and I decided to try to obtain another spiritual blessing from the Lord. Any [can to gain, at His discretion.]

My hands are so stiff this morning, that it is difficult to write.

Tuesday Aug 24

Worked two and a half hours overtime fixing a truck tire. The truck came in at quitting time. I am tired, I think that I will get to bed early tonight.

Aug 25

I went to Price on a court case, not able to pay my bills. We stopped in Provo to get some more Chinese tapes, but we could not, Titine and I enjoyed each other's company. We bought a few groceries and came home. We had an enjoyable day.

Thursday 26th

I have let my mind work me into a depressing day today. About the only thing that brings me out of it is prayer, I am so grateful for that. The nights are cooling off.

How I wish that I could gain greater knowledge of the Savior. I have felt his spirit many times, and I do appreciate Him so much. He has been a great help to me.

I took the four younger children to the park to play tonight.

Friday 27th

We had a good day. Titine took Robert and Francine to the Dr. He cleaned out their ears. Francine has an ear infection.

Saturday 28th of August

We had a hard thunderstorm for a few minutes. Rebecca washed all the children's hair.

Sunday 29th August

I felt that I had a successful lesson with the Deacons today. The family talked about moving to Salt Lake and talked of the home that we wanted. We are all anxious to get off center. The children are not in school, and the two that are, are just marking time. Titine is waiting being sick, and not having much or caring much about the situation. So that is the state of the family at the present. I know that the Lord is aware of us. For I have felt his spirit in abundance.

Monday August 30th

Today was my day off. I had a good day. Put a new window in the back porch and loaded up an old broken window in the garage. The lawn needs cutting and got it cut. We had dinner under the willow tree in the back yard. I feel that now is the time to sell the house.

Tues 31

Today is Titine's birthday. We are so without money that we went for a ride, and for a birthday present we had a sprite to drink, in which I drank mine and half of hers. Rebecca made a birthday cake.

We received a letter from mother; she sounded more positive than I have heard her in a long time.

Wed Sept 1st, 1982

As it was Darien's birthday today, we had a cake, and we took him swimming. But we didn't give him much, because of the lack of funds. As is the rule, on birthdays, the birthday person can stay up as long as they wish. Darien went to sleep around ten o'clock.

Thurs Sept. 2nd

Another college football season is now under way. BYU won their first game of the season 26-0 over Las Vegas. Bill travelled to Lehi to play; they got beat 22-14.

I wish that Titine could go to her family reunion tomorrow, but because of no money, she can't. I do feel bad about that, but I have had many disappointments in my life. I am now getting use to them.

Fri & Sat 3-4

I worked, we cleaned up the house and will give several boxes to the DI. Titine brought my lunch to work to me on Sat. I played D&D with the children.

Sunday Sept. 5th

We had a good day; fast meeting was one of remembrance for some of the long-time ward members of the ward. Our Church house will be torn down to make way for a new one.

This has been a very trying time for me. Not a test of my knowledge of God, but a test of my knowledge for my relationship with Him. From the understanding I have with the language of the spirit. Our children were to start school in Salt Lake. We were not to be in Delta this long. Our time for being here is up. But school has been going on for a week, we are still here. The children have not been in school yet. And as of now, this is possible way for us to move. My problem is, am I receiving communication from the Lord, or aren't I? If not, I am a great fraud to my family and my friends. If so, why are we not in the process of moving? The spirit seems to indicate that we are in the process of moving. I can't see it or understand it.

Monday Sept 6th

I was reading in the Doctrine and Covenants this morning, and the spirit said to me through the Doctrine and Covenants 50th section. That I needed greater knowledge. Upon taking this to God in prayer, *I need knowledge from heaven that the Savior gives*. I don't know how to obtain that knowledge. I have been seeking that for eight years now.

As I see it, I have made very little progress. My faith has grown, my spirit has grown, I have a much greater understanding of the character of our Lord, and his great mercy and love for those of us on the earth. His fulness of power has been brought to my mind. I have felt of his spirit, in fact, I have obtained the Second Comforter. But in spite of all these great and precious gifts that have been given to me the fact still remains that I have never had the testimony burned into my heart like fire. Or I have not seen. I believe without seeing. The spirit is too great not to. But I feel an emptiness, a void as large as a great crevasse and as large as that is, I know that I have more to gain. It is that 'more' that I am seeking. Whether I am a true or a false prophet only time will tell, but I will not give up seeking until I have gained a sure knowledge of the Savior. I have given all that He has asked, and I am willing to give more even the life of my wife and children, I am very willing to lay down my own life for that testimony.

But in spite of all, I can't muster enough faith to gain the knowledge that my soul cries out that I need. I cannot penetrate the veil of Darkness that separates me from light and truth,

and heavenly knowledge. What more I have to do, I don't know. But I do wish that I could find out. I am sure that whatever it is will be a lifelong chore that I will commit to, not just a one-time test of obedience. But I am willing and wish to commit to that. My quest has taken me so far that it now carries me along. The spirit helps me keep a pure mind, I feel uncomfortable about wasting time, when I slack off from doing my duty, I get uneasy. For all of this help I am grateful. I am sure that I have not been an easy child for my Father in Heaven to raise. But he has blessed me with a forgiveness of sins now. I just hope and strive that I don't transgress too seriously in His sight. I still have the weakness of the flesh, but they are fewer than they were eight years ago. I just desire to become perfect in the gospel in this life. I believe that is an obtainable goal. A lifelong goal, but obtainable. I feel that I can't really progress much more without a greater knowledge from Heaven.

We went through the house and separated, gave to DI and threw away many things today. We are putting the house up for sale. Bill Brown is the person who we will get to sell it for us.

Sept. 7th 1982

Today I have made another major decision in my life – that is to quit my job. Carbon Credit Union wants to garnish my wages. The action helped me make the decision, but I quit under the instruction and after prayer.

Titine needs me to help clean up the house so we can sell it. There is much packing to do. Mother needs many things sorted out. I feel that the call for me to begin my life's work is very soon now.

The Lord has been very close to me in giving me almost constant guidance and help.

Sept 8th 1982 Wednesday

We cleaned out the garage today, separated mother's papers, and wrapped packages for Clara Beth. I took Colby to band practice and heard and watched them practice marching.

I realized today, more than ever before, just how much of a testimony mother has in the Savior.

September 9, 1982

I called Phyllis and mom today to report on what is going on with the house. They didn't like it but will talk things over and let me know. I am not the most diplomatic with mother and that upsets me.

I have had impressions that we are going to need and use all the rags that we have, they will be worth hauling and storing. The spirit has been working on me.

September 10th

I took the children to the movie (outdoor) tonight. It rained all the while we were there.

I gave Titine a blessing today. The blessing promised her better times ahead, and longer life. Also, greater spiritual blessings.

September 11th

I talked with Phyllis and Fred today on the phone. The conversation was not a pleasant one. Fred wants to ask for an outlandish price for the house and property. I want to ask a price where it will sell. It wasn't very pleasant; Fred and I could never work together.

But I suppose that things can't be pleasant all of the time. I do have a great amount of respect for Fred.

September 12, 1982

I taught two lessons today, one in Priesthood and a Sunday School class.

I called Phyllis and told her not to read a letter that I wrote to tear it up. I hope that she does. I do not want feelings in the family. Better one person made angry than two or three.

I built a fire in the fireplace for the first time since Spring. Colby received his Patriarchal blessing today....

Ashley was sick, he didn't go to Church. I enjoyed the day.

Sept. 13 & 14th Monday and Tuesday

The days are full of expectation but nothing else. Now that I am not working time weighs heavily on my mind. I washed dishes, swept the floor, cleaned up the yard, read, prayed and prayed again. The Lord has given me some new insights to doctrine. But on the whole, it appears to me that time is wasted. That is my fault. But I have found a book of great men that I am reading, a Readers Digest version. I can associate myself with the trials that those men have.

Writing, waiting, waiting! The scriptures state that patience unto Godliness. I do hope that I am gaining a small degree of Godliness. But I am becoming patient.

Titine has been sick with this little baby boy that she is carrying. Our last. It has been good that I have been home to help her. She was threatening a miscarriage, but because of me being home she could lie down most of the day and now appears to be alright.

Polly has a yeast infection on her bottom which is hard to clean up, but I believe that we are making head waves.

We feel that we are going to move to Salt Lake, this stems from some impressions received over a year ago. All of the children are waiting for that to happen. I am also. But not the fact of moving, but the fact of becoming active and working in what I am looking forward to. Idleness is the worst of punishments a person can have. It is harder on a person, physically, mentally, and emotionally. But for me there is a reason for it at this time, and apparently, I am doing what I should be doing....

The spiritual impressions upon my ... I believe that but before I can be of any service to my Father in Heaven, I have to have a sure witness of the Savior, His son. I have had the promptings of the spirit; I would soon receive that witness.

I have overcome the feelings that I had with family members over this house, I feel good again. We have had rain the last two days.

Sept. 115th

The little children were restless last night. I stayed up late to watch the elections returns, and it seemed to me that from 1:00am on someone was either crying or out of bed for some reason. I never even got up until seven this morning.

We have had heavy snow in parts of Montana and Wyoming. This is early in the year for the cold weather. That we are having but the newsman reports that warmer weather is on its way.

Thursday 16th, Sept

I was in the bedroom at about 9:00am when the spirit told me to pray. The prayer proved to be one if not the most spiritual experience that I have had for a long time. Many questions were answered, and I truly felt that the Lord was in that room with me. But my natural eyes could not part the veil.

I received a call to help build a fence around the apple orchard that the church needs. I will go and welcome the opportunity.

Friday 17th Sept

This day started out great and ended up the same way. The middle was confusion. Ashley wanted me to give him a blessing. The spirit was there in great abundance.

After the blessing I went up to work on the fence at the church welfare farm. The spirit told me to go directly past the farm and up to the canyon, I know the mountain top that I was

going to, I had been there before. I expected much since I was called there. After climbing the mountain, I was tired and perspiring, before kneeling down to pray, I leaned against a rock to get my breath and rest. I fell asleep. The warm sun and flies woke me up an hour later. I knelt in prayer. I knew that the spirit was there, but I couldn't feel it as great as other times. I was confused. Upon waiting and praying for the next five hours, the spirit said now you have accomplished your purpose for being here. Before leaving I knelt in prayer and asked why I was called upon the mountain. ... I came off the mountain somewhat bewildered but not empty. The spirit was upon me the rest of the day.

Bill didn't go to school because of a cranked neck. Ashley missed because of a cold. I saw Delta and Richfield play a football game. Delta won 14-7. York was with me. Colby went on a venture campout.

Saturday the 18th Sept

I had an excellent morning prayer this AM. It reconfirmed what I felt yesterday about Br. Richards. But after giving a blessing to Titine this morning, I feel that another reason might be a help to resist the attacks of Satan. Titine received a blessing warning her against attacks of Satan.

Francine has a cold, and she wanted a blessing. It told her to pray and develop her talents because she would be a light to those around her. To learn to handle the hard knocks in this family for they would be a buffer for her in life.

Polly received a blessing saying that we should use the Priesthood often and not depend on the doctors so much.

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I took the children swimming. Colby got back from his campout.

Sunday 19th of September

General Conference starts in two more weeks from yesterday. My back seems a little sore this morning.

The family had another enjoyable day. We spent the time together. Some neighbor children came over to play. They were playing outside Francine came in. She was in a quandary. She wanted to keep the sabbath day holy, and she didn't want to hurt her friends. She decided to come in the house and keep the Sabbath Holy. She is age seven. I was proud of her.

Titine has a cold and was miserable. She stayed home from church. Polly doesn't feel very well. She slept most of the day.

Monday 20th

I woke up this morning and started wondering about the differences or the purpose of the Second Comforter. The difference between the Second Comforter and the Holy Ghost. After some study and prayer, the spirit taught me what the Second Comforter feels like and the difference between the feeling on the body of the Second Comforter and the spirit of the Father. In as much as Joseph Smith taught that both the Father and the Son would attend a person from time to time. They both attended me this morning.

The Holy Ghost teaches of faith, repentance, baptism. The Second Comforter, brings angels and appearance of the Father and communion with the Saints of the First Born.

Tuesday 21st of Sept.

I got up an hour later today. My whole day is behind. In talking with our Father in Heaven in prayer today he taught me several things...

Wednesday 22nd

I helped an Olsen fellow sheetrock and insulate for a few hours today.

Ashley and I worked on his project for water control. We started building a [backout tower for fires].

I took Colby to band practice and watched him. He wanted me to show him how to spit shine shoes. I worked at it for an hour and could never get the shine to come. But he had them shined up pretty much anyway.

The news said that war between Iraq and Iran has been going on for three years today and 80,000 people have been killed.

Thurs 23rd

Titine, Rebecca, the small children and I drove over to Filmore to watch Bill play ball. His team won 14-12

Friday 24th Sept.

Polly started crying about 3:00AM. She cried to the top of her lungs. Titine couldn't get her quiet. After about 45 min. she asked me if I would give her a blessing. I tried, nothing happened, no spirit. I left, went into the bedroom to pray. As soon as I shut the door, Polly quit crying. I prayed and prayed trying to find out why I wasn't able to give a blessing.

Finally, the spirit of the Lord came to me. And let me know that as soon as we put our house in top form of cleanliness, that he would endow us with a greater blessing. We put Polly to bed without a blessing. She slept all night. The Lord used her to help me reverberate all things. To really lay all before Him, he then let me know wherein we can receive a greater blessing. It was a very nice learning experience for me. One that I will always cherish.

Colby marched in the band today, at the halftime of the Delta Millard game. The band had a colorful routine. Colby looked handsome in big band uniform. I helped sheet rock a house today.

Sat. 25th September 1982

Today we cleaned up the yard, the vacant lot, and the house. It was an all-day job but I felt good about what we accomplished. It rained most of the day. A fine mist, the kind that falls in the northwest.

We are now overdrawn at the bank, with no job, and out of money. Once again, this year, we find ourselves with no [desirable] means of support. Only this time a cow didn't have to die to take away our milk supply. Sometimes I feel sorry for those people that get involved with me. It seems they have to suffer because of me.

Sunday 26th of September 1982

Today I had an interesting experience with our Father in Heaven. I found that he has a sense of humor. I have been asking him a question, now for weeks and he has been saying 'yes'. I have been wanting Him to put a time on it. Finally, I said "sometime", and He said, "yes, sometime.". That struck me as funny, I started laughing. I felt Him laugh right along with me. I greatly enjoyed the experience.

Tom Humphrey called. He is coming over this weekend. Then he and I will go to conference to Salt Lake.

Monday 27th of Sept.

The rain came down all day today. The news said that flooding is threatening in Salt Lake City. We have had a record low for the temperatures, for record for most moisture falling in the month of September. I believe that the Lord is trying to call the people to repentance or put them in a state of mind so they will repent.

No job, no money. Short on food is the same situation that we were in last April Conference. We are all happy. The spirit of the Lord was with me most of the day yesterday. I worked on genealogy a good share of the time.

Ashley finished his lookout tower for water conservation.

Tuesday 28th Sept.

I finished my four generational genealogy work sheets today and mailed it in. Mother did most of the work on it but never mailed it. She has about four [undivided/unverified] dates on the [Duddly] line. I felt very good today. I felt a stronger hope than ever before. The rain is still falling.

Wed Sept. 29th

The rain is still falling. The ground is so saturated with water that water is starting to run into the basement through the cement walls.

We went to a PTA meeting this evening at the grade school. I am still struggling for a greater witness of the spirit to know of the Savior.

1982 Sept. 30th

Today I spent a major part of the day on my knees in prayer. The Lord revealed many things to me concerning my future, and somewhat of the future of this nation. ...

I watched Bill play Football today.

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Friday 1st of Oct.

I spent an anxious day waiting. Watched a football game between Delta and Manti. Watched TV told the children a story, Tom Humphrey came a little after eight o'clock pm. We had an enjoyable visit. But due to the impressions I received and was instructed to write down, I was a little uneasy all day.

Sat Morning Oct. 2nd

I got up at 4:45, got ready to go to Conference, said my prayers. The spirit wasn't there very much this morning. I don't know what to think, I just hope and pray that I do no more to offend my Father in Heaven today. Tom and I are on our way to conference in less than an hour. Today has been a very satisfying day. Tom and I attended the first session of conference. Pres. Kimball gave the keynote address. His speech was read by his private secretary. He warned the parents to keep a watch on their children, since the dreaded crime of kidnapping is spreading. He also said the crimes of the day should be avoided by

Latter Day Saints. My testimony of the Savior has increased. I felt that he is truly my wise, kind, heavenly friend. I started the day depressed but by the time the second session of Conference was over, I felt great many impressions were answered my four days of fasting was cleared up. There are still some things that I can't understand very clearly but my faith has grown sufficient that, it doesn't make any difference, I will continue to trust in the Lord.

Tom and I went to the Priesthood session and then drove home. We arrived home about 12:00 midnight.

Sun 3rd Oct

General Conference is over, and the Humphries went home. My fast ended at noon. We had a spaghetti dinner.

The General Authorities, Pres. Kimball, Tanner, and Romney are growing very old and weak. Pres. Kimball attended the opening and closing sessions. Elder Legrande Richards didn't attend any of the sessions. Since his foot removal, his health has been failing.

It was a very spiritual Conference. The theme centered on Jesus Christ. Many of the brethren talked of him as a Central theme. I feel at peace with myself and all men.

Mon 4th & Tues 5th

Cut the lawns, took the children swimming, watched a ball game, read, and did a lot of waiting.

Wed 6th of Oct.

This day is the 6th already. I didn't think that I would be here by now, but I still am. I didn't do much but wait.

Thurs. 7 Oct.

Today started out the same as other days in waiting. But after some thought in getting myself moving while waiting, I took the problem to the Lord. The answer came, consistent with an answer I received last Jan.

Oct. 8th Friday

Watched the baseball playoffs on television and played with the children. We spent the last of our money on food. So now we trust in the Lord completely and not in money. We wait for the outcome.

Oct. 9th 1982

Watched football and baseball. Read.

Oct. 10th 1982

Took York to gather fast offerings, Polly had an upset stomach all night. I sat and held her from 5:00AM until 8:30AM. She seems to be better now. I must start taking a greater interest in the old folks of the ward.

Monday 11, 1982

Read, talked with the children.

Tuesday 12th 1982

Ate rice, and potatoes, and milk. I have had some deeper appreciation for a good food storage program than ever before. If the Lord will provide me with a job, a food storage program will be the first item that I invest in. We haven't gone hungry, but we haven't been comfortable in our eating either.

Dewey called and told me how much he thought of me. I believe I will write him a letter.

Wednesday 13 October

Titine has felt miserable all day today. I believe that the strain of waiting along with being pregnant is almost too much for her. Rebecca was sick today and stayed home from school. Colby went on a band trip to March in Competition. He said that their band took second place. I am glad that he is in band and gets to go and participate in these events.

Our neighbor Tony Callister gave us about 100 lbs. of potatoes. The church is building a temple in East Germany. The first one to be built in a Communist country. This church growth excites me.

Thursday the 14th of Oct.

Today the Lord has blessed us abundantly. I started off with a very great dream. It stressed the importance of winning and helped me build self-esteem. The spirit of prayer has been with me. Rebecca desired a blessing. The Lord told her to keep her mind pure and clean.

Titine wanted me to give Ashely a blessing. He had an infected ear. His blessing said that he would always have good health. ...

I watched Bill's team play football, they lost. After the game Ray Western called and asked Bill if he would come and help him haul some wood. Bill brought 50 lbs. of flour and 2/3 of a bushel of apples. Plus, he paid him \$1.50. how the Lord blesses us. It is completely

astonishing to me. But I am so grateful for it. The apples tasted so good after a week of eating rice, beans, potatoes, and white wheat bread. We will have pancakes for breakfast.

Darien burned his fingers tonight. It hurt, but it wasn't too serious.

Friday 15th

This morning after the white flour was given us, we had Pancakes. The first time in more than a week. Pancakes is one of our most regular breakfasts usually.

York piled six pancakes on his plate, Bill said, "York can't eat of those.", York responded, "I haven't had pancakes for a long time.". Marc can't live by mush alone. A

Albert came over he said I went to see Juab and Delta play football. Delta won 20-12. Bill went home with Albert. Jamie stayed with us.

I had committed to help on a house today, the spirit said to stay home. Why? I don't know. Played DnD with the children.

Saturday 16th Oct.

Albert brought Bill back and also brought us some groceries, just what we needed. Toothpaste, soap for clothing, and sugar. Plus a few other items. It is a surprise to me continually how the Lord works. I am so grateful for it. In my weakness I complain too much.

Titine's mother called today. I was going to help a fellow on his house, but the spirit told me not to. I don't know why, but I didn't go.

Sunday 17th Oct.

We had family home study. Sunday School. Church and Priesthood. The day was spent with my family. We had an enjoyable time. We all enjoyed ham sandwiches, and ice cream.

Monday 18th Oct.

Waited!!!

Tuesday 19th

I waited

Wed 20th

I had a rough day, [rebelled], repented, have been uptight all day.

Thursday 21st 1982

I don't know how long this waiting is going to last, but this morning I have learned a great lesson. 1st how the children have been kept in jobs, they have provided money for themselves and a little for the family. These are all good lessons for them to learn.

Secondly, I have learned the difference between the two spirits- Satan and the Spirit of Christ. Satan is a heavy Spirit, a dark spirit one of confusion. He has [intruded] into my prayers and has been trying to intercept them. That being a new experience for me, I was confused and felt rebellious against our Father in Heaven, and in complete turmoil. This has been going on for a while now. I do believe it is a learning experience for me. One that I hope that I will never forget. No real damage came from it, but I am on the right track now. And hope that I am wise enough to always sort the two out. I believe that I am.

Friday 22nd

I waited.

Saturday Oct. 23rd

Drove over to Nephi and went with Albert to the BYU football game. They played Colorado State. BYU won 34-18. I had a very enjoyable day. Albert put \$10.00 worth of gas in his car. We spent almost the entire day together. Talked of football, family, roads, jobs, inflation, raising children, and TVs. It was the first time that I had seen the new 65,000-seat stadium. It was a spectacle to see. I got home about 7:30 and walked back into reality. But it is always very heartwarming to hear the happy voices of the children and have them love me. I have some of the greatest children on earth.

Sunday Oct. 24th 1982

Today was Stake Conference. President Swalberg talked of home teaching. The theme seemed to be of the family. We had family home evening. And spent the rest of the day making candy and talking.

Monday the 25 Oct.

Phyllis called at 7:00AM to see if she should come down and make some decisions about the house. I said "no." I didn't sleep very well last night; Polly woke up and I got up to take care of her and went back to bed and couldn't get to sleep. It has been seven weeks since I have worked. What I long seven weeks. How the time has dragged. I just can't understand why I can't go to work or even look for a job but, I guess that if the Lord is guiding me, I have to be obedient all the way. He either is or isn't. I choose to believe that he is. If I am wrong then, my family is going through much without a cause, and I am stupid. If He is we are still going through the same things but under the guiding hand of the Lord, all will end well. But either way I wish that I could go to work. Work is a blessing. Idleness is the curse of all curses. However, I have kept busy somewhat around the house. But, it isn't the same as being productive. Perhaps the Lord will let me do something this week. I was sustained all day long through prayer this day.

Tuesday 26th Oct

I went into our bedroom to read a novel, and the spirit said to me finish the Book of Mormon. I just finished it, about two hundred and fifty pages. I left the house so I wouldn't be disturbed. It started to rain during my last fifty pages. Having finished the Book of Mormon I am now going to get into the Prophets of the Old Testament. To see if I can understand them to a greater degree. I do hope the spirit of the Holy Ghost is with me.

Wed. 27th Oct.

My Father in Heaven has instructed me this day to fast and pray for a greater witness to the Book of Mormon. Titine's parents came to see us, brought us some meat and stayed about two hours.

Oct 28th 1982 Thursday

I waited, prayed and read. Got a telephone call from GMAC, saying that they were going to pick up the car because we can't pay for it. Those calls always disturb me. We will wait and see.

Friday Oct 19th 1982

I was told to get the war scriptures referenced in my Book of Mormon. I finished now. I have a peace about me today. I think that it is a great feeling.

Saturday Oct. 30th

I listened to a ball game between BYU and Utah State. Utah State won 20-17. Read and played DnD with the children. Spent time praying. Children went trick or treating.

Sunday 31st of Oct.

In my prayers this morning I couldn't find the spirit of the Lord. In searching for it, I was instructed to give Darien Paul a blessing. ...

It rained yesterday and it was raining early this morning. The day was spent with the family. Family study, talking, and just being together. I showed my Deacons Quorum a film on the Bible and Book of Mormon.