



**Melanie Thompson**

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OTHER

** Dean plays at various Part-time jobs in addition to his main job raising piglets. This gives us extra money and keeps him sane.

** Melanie stayed home with the kids this summer. She went on a mission trip to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota (and brought back a new dog.)

**Melanie Thompson**

Hey, family! It's time for the Christmas letter. What do you want me to write about this year?

Like . Comment . 3 Days ago near Manning, Iowa

**Dana Thompson**

Mom, why do you always think anyone even cares what we're up to this year?

**Melanie Thompson**

Because I like to read what other people are up to. That makes me think that other people want to know what we're up to.

**Dean Thompson**

Tell them all about how awesome of a husband I am. Maybe mention that I'm so nice that I threw you a kiss the other day. Don't bother to tell them it was a Hershey's kiss, and it left a bruise.

**Sam Thompson**

I know. Tell them how I can go three days without showering. It proves that I'm becoming a man, Mom. Ask Dad. You know how awesome that smells, too.

**Megan Thompson**

Don't tell them anything about me. They're all a bunch of stalkers and if they find out how cool I am, I'll never be left alone again.

**Becca Thompson**

You can tell them how I do so much more work around here than the rest of these crazies. LOL

**Melanie Thompson**

STOP! I'll be forced to explain how I ended up in the looney bin...again. Let's see. Dean, should we tell them that you're still raising piglets for research and that you have a huge woodpile you chopped yourself in the backyard?

**Dean Thompson**

Go ahead. It makes me sound smart and really strong. The ladies will be checking out my abs on my Facebook wall...I'd better make sure to block you so you can't see that.

**Dana Thompson**

You could talk about how I'm getting closer to deciding to go into massage therapy and aesthetics for a career when I'm done with high school. Oh, and that I got my driver's license.



Melanie Thompson

** Dana worked as a Junior Staff member at Wesley Woods church camp in Indianola, IA this summer. She went on the mission trip, too. She toured a massage therapy school in Ft. Dodge, IA and thinks that's where she will go to college.

** Megan was also a member of the Junior Staff at Wesley Woods and also went on the mission trip. She is still amazingly crafty, loves to bake and will be taking driver's ed in the near future.

** Rebecca loves glitz, glamour, and "bling." Her happy and joyous attitude shows through in all she does. When she's on a field or a court playing ball (of one sort or another), she has a perpetual smile on her face.

** Sam struggles with being the youngest boy stuck at home with a bunch of girls all day long. When he isn't making us laugh at his antics, he's making us scream by being a little instigator. He's excited to be reading and will drop everything to go pick up a book and read.



Megan Thompson

Like I said, don't tell them anything about me. If they find out that I make the most amazing cake creations, they'll start calling me asking me to make one for them. No thanks.



Melanie Thompson

O.K., Meg. How about we just say that you have decided to skip the teen years and go straight to adulthood. Would that be okay?



Megan Thompson

If you must.



Melanie Thompson

I must. And Becca, you've been really active in volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer. Did you want me to talk about that?



Becca Thompson

Not really. Just give them all my sizes for everything I wear. Maybe someone wants to send me some fancy clothes.



Melanie Thompson

[Slaps forehead] I don't know why this should surprise me. Sam? What would you like me to tell everyone?



Sam Thompson

You could tell them about my lemonade stand this summer and how I was an awesome salesman for that and Boy Scout popcorn. Oh, and make sure you tell them that I'm a golfer now.



Melanie Thompson

I'll go ahead and do that. Anything else?



Dean Thompson

What about the mutt you brought home from the mission trip?



Melanie Thompson

She might be a mutt, but she's awfully loyal (to me), aren't you, Cikala?



Cikala Thompson

Woof.



Dana Thompson

What about Fisher and Ila?



Fisher Thompson

Woof.



Ila Thompson

I used to think dogs were nuts until I read through this. Merry Christmas, everyone.