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From the Cabin

Family and friends of HARRIET LANE,

June and July saw more than thirty new crew members report aboard. So, let me start by welcoming all of you who recently joined the HARRIET LANE family. Whether you're family that has relocated to the Tidewater area with your sailor, or fans that are following events from afar, we're happy to have you on the team!

As seems to be the case with every edition of Shore Ties, there is a lot to report about your HARRIET LANE sailor! Our patrol started off high-paced, and has only gotten busier. This trip is a historic one, as the ship that bears the name of a famous "First Niece" sailed for the very first time with women in our enlisted ranks! The ladies of HARRIET LANE, along with their male shipmates, have performed magnificently and already achieved significant operational successes as a result of their hard work.

Our transit south from Portsmouth was a true "shake down." With many new faces onboard, and numerous systems being operated for the first time after lots of maintenance was completed during June and July, training along with some emergency response and repair kept us all hopping! Work-ups started by training with Air Station Miami.

Everything went smoothly, and some of our new shipmates got to go "under the blades" for the first time. This opportunity was a valuable one as we'll be conducting our shipboard helicopter operations standardization inspection immediately upon our return in early October. As quickly as they got started, our patrol work-ups were cut short when it seemed Haitian migrants suddenly increased their attempts at the dangerous journey to the Bahamas

and Southeastern U.S. We quickly shifted from training to operations and made our way south.

Less than one week after leaving Portsmouth, and a long day working in concert with our partners from the Royal Bahamian Defense Force, we had 279 Haitian migrants onboard! Your HARRIET LANE sailor lent a helping hand to maintain security and provide humane care for these desperate people until we were able to safely repatriate them to Cap Haitien, Haiti. We spent the next two weeks leading three other ships and numerous aircraft to deter illegal immigration attempts... and we managed to fit in an enjoyable swim call and catch one big fish! We've been able to decompress during relaxing port visits to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament, flag football game, golfing, swimming, ship's party, waterfall and cable car tours,

all-inclusive resorts and calls home have been enjoyed by all!

Courtney Trumbo and Jacqui Myers have been doing a fantastic job as our new ombudsmen. I invite you to contact them if you have questions or challenges while we are away.

Thank you. Your love and support continues to be vital to HARRIET LANE's success. We're glad to be half way through our patrol, and we look forward to getting home to you!

J. C. Vann
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



Message from the Executive Officer

Hello HARRIET LANE Family and Friends,

As one of the newest members of the HARRIET LANE team, I want to let you know what a pleasure it is to work with such an outstanding crew and to receive all of your support. HARRIET LANE has a tremendous reputation throughout the Coast Guard thanks to the dedication of the crew and the support that you provide us every day. The great reputation meant I had high expectations when I arrived and I am proud to tell you the crew has far exceeded those expectations.

What impresses me is that the 109 of us that make up the active duty crew come from such diverse backgrounds. We are husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, grandmothers, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters. Some were born and raised in eastern Virginia and some are arriving here for the first time in their lives. Crewmembers were born in distant countries including Germany, Vietnam and Italy while some were born closer such as Cuba and the Virgin Islands. Most of the 50 states are represented including Hawaii, California, Maine, Kentucky and Texas to name just a few. Some crewmembers are just starting out in life while others are looking for second careers or new opportunities having previously served with other branches of the military. While our backgrounds vary, collectively we are Coast Guard men and women who share a

common goal of doing our job to the best of our ability. You would be hard pressed to find a more diverse team that works and lives together better than we do. Be proud of your Coastie! Our work is challenging, especially when deployments take us away from you, but your support makes all the difference. We sail because we are proud to serve our country. We stand the watch to ensure you are safe at home. We sacrifice our time together so that we may help others.

As I get to know each of you, here is a little background on me. I reported onboard from my prior assignment as an attorney at the First Coast Guard District in Boston. My wife Kristin and two children, Elizabeth (8) and William (4) currently live in Salem, Massachusetts; however, I look forward to their frequent visits and the opportunity to introduce my family to all of you.

When the cutter is home in Portsmouth, please feel free to come onboard and visit so you can see for yourself what makes HARRIET LANE such a great ship and how important friends and family are to our success. For my fellow crew, I am thrilled to be your XO and I am honored to be part of Team HARRIET LANE!

LCDR John D. Cashman
Executive Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



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-XO

Message from the Command Chief

After a very busy in-port period, it is good to have everyone back together and underway again!

This patrol has been a new experience for all of us, with the addition of enlisted females to our family. The Chief's Mess welcomed our first females as part of the mess, Food Service Specialist Chief Chantel Schmitt, who reported to us from Sector New Orleans, and Electrician's Mate Chief Barbara Vakselis, who reported to us from Detroit, MI. FSC Schmitt has brought a new style to the galley, adding her own taste to the menu.

EMC Vakselis has quickly made herself at home taking charge of the EM shop. We also added two more new members to the mess: Operations Specialist Chief Christopher Chiaro, who came to us from the Maritime Safety Response Team in Chesapeake, and Electronics Technician Chief Derek Campbell, who reported to us from Coast Guard Cutter NORTHLAND. A big welcome to all of our new Chiefs! All of our new members have contributed greatly to the Chief's Mess.

I would also like to say congratulations to Lieutenant Brad Middleton and Electronics Technician Second Class Steven Kelly, who both welcomed new members to their families during the in-port period.

There are a few members I would like to give a shout-out to: Machinery Technician Third Class Jason Seraphin and Damage Controlman Third Class Jorge Solano both advanced to Second Class Petty Officers. Seaman Apprentice Tim Appelbaum and Seaman Apprentice Tim Koebel both advanced to Seaman. Gunner's Mate Second Class Craig Gibson advanced to Gunner's Mate First Class. Operations Specialist Third Class Nick Campbell, and Operations Specialist Third Class Chad Jackson advanced to Operations Specialist Second Class. Congratulations!

We are over the hump and counting down the days until we return safely to all of you. Spirits are high

and everyone seems to be doing fine. It has been a very busy patrol so far. Almost immediately upon leaving homeport, our work tempo quickly picked up with helicopter training, migrant operations and small boat training. Although tiring, the training yielded numerous qualifications and certifications among the crew. Maritime Enforcement Specialist First Class Kurt Yockel re-certified as boat crewman, and Machinery Technician Second Class Thomas Hissong re-certified as boat engineer. Ensign Cate Gillen, Ensign Jeannie Crump, Machinery Technician

Second Class Jason Seraphin, and Boatswain's Mate Third Class James Wyle all qualified as Boarding Officers. Ensign Jim Brendel, Ensign Charlotte Delorey, Boatswain's Mate Second Class Rico Tyler, and Maritime Enforcement Specialist Third Class Taylor Huttenloch qualified as Boarding Team Members. Congratulations to all!

During the last in-port, HARRIET LANE experienced a large crew turnover. Nearly a third of the crew newly reported aboard during the in-port. It has been a real joy watching all of the new members progress and integrate as members of the crew. The teamwork displayed by all is a true testament to the sense of family that exists onboard HARRIET LANE. We appreciate the support from all of you at home and look forward to seeing you all soon!

BMC Chad Kiser
Command Chief
USCGC HARRIET LANE

Members of the Chief's Mess

MKC David Noel ◊ MKC Thomas Daniels
 OSC Aaron Presson ◊ OSC Christopher Chiaro
 ETC Derek Campbell ◊ EMC Barbara Vakselis
 FSC Chantel Schmitt ◊ BMC Chad Kiser

Quote of the Month

"That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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-BMC Chad Kiser



Tactical Training



climbing onboard and drawing their weapons. Conditions were ideal for training, as shown by the picture above. HARRIET LANE is always ready to answer the call to assist other Coast Guard units in executing their missions!



As we departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba after a relaxing port call, HARRIET LANE was fortunate enough to be escorted by the Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) 91104's deployed detachment in Guantanamo Bay.

We assisted them in some of their required ship-board training, which included coming alongside,



HARRIET LANE Repatriates 279 Haitian Migrants



Gunners Mate First Class Craig Gibson and Electronics Technician Third Class David Myers standing security watch.

During the early part of our patrol, HARRIET LANE assisted the Royal Bahamian Defense Force (RBDF) in transporting 279 Haitian migrants to Cap Haitien, Haiti for repatriation.

Once on-scene, all crew aboard HARRIET LANE worked diligently to safely bring onboard all 279 persons, including an infant and several children. Each person was evaluated for medical concerns and were given blankets, flip flops (if they had no shoes) and some basic toiletries.

Once settled onboard, HARRIET LANE's crew tended to their needs including serving two meals.

That's an extra 558 meals our cooks had to produce, in addition to keeping us fed!

We arrived in Cap Haitien early

the next morning to begin the repatriation process, and in just under 3 hours, all of our guests were safely ashore. It was then time to clean up and prepare the ship for the next mission! This included some brushes, soap and fire hoses as well as a little



Cap Haitien, Haiti

extra fun for our shipmates working in the hot sun as they washed themselves off as well as the boat!



Crew members place lifejackets on each migrant.



Above: HARRIET LANE sailors help safely repatriate each migrant to Cap Haitien, Haiti.

HARRIET LANE's Sailor of the Quarter



Machinery Technician First Class Aaron Boyette receives the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon as Sailor of the Quarter.

I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while assigned to USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903) from 01 April 2010 to 30 June 2010, when you were selected as the Sailor of the Quarter. Your strong work ethic, well developed leadership skills, and sense of *esprit de corps* were

highlighted through several significant projects throughout the quarter. After returning from an arduous dry-dock, you dedicated hours of your liberty time to updating machinery history in CMPLUS for vital repairs and improvements made to both controllable pitch propeller systems and propulsion shafting. This detailed history is vital to preserving the systems. By verifying applicable Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) checklists, you ensured seamless Engineer Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant relief processes. In addition to your divisional duties you oversaw over 1000 personnel hours of preventive and corrective maintenance performed by the Naval Engineering Support Unit, reviewing all condition found reports against official guidance to confirm the proper completion and documentation of the work. The hectic in-port period included one biannual diesel engine inspection and the unexpected replacement of a turbocharger

that was identified by you as being out of tolerance. Your attention to detail and demand for the highest quality of work ensured compliance with Coast Guard and manufacturer specifications. Your dedication extended outside the life lines as you provided much needed counseling to a shipmate from the CGC NORTHLAND as part of your role as Command Drug and Alcohol Representative. Onboard you made a concerted effort to help new crewmembers adjust to all facets of shipboard life, and used your influence as a leader to ensure that the recent crew integration progressed smoothly. You are well respected by your peers and your positive attitude and communications skills make those around you feel at ease. You spent your free time providing initial damage control training and personal guidance to new crewmembers ensuring that each had the tools on hand that would guarantee their own success. Your dedication to duty, professionalism, and unselfishness have yielded the *Desired Effect*.

You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service, you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar.

For the Commandant,

J. C. VANN

Commander, U. S. Coast Guard

Commanding Officer,
USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903)

Swim Call!



Upper left: Information Systems Technician Third Class Shawn Blackwelder is ready to make a splash!

Lower Left: Storekeeper Third Class Alex Dahlmeyer is ready for anything.

Upper middle: Electronics Technician Second Class Steven Kelly, Fireman Jose Tamayo, and Seaman Tim Applebaum jump in, arm in arm!



Left: Operations Specialist Second Class Nick Campbell jumps in, yoga style!

Right: Ensign Jeannie Crump says "Peace!"

More Swim Call!



HARRIET LANE sailors love taking a break to make a splash!

Fish Call!



Nearly 6' long and 200 lbs, what a catch!



Fireman Weston Hildreth reeling him in!



Fireman Jose Tamayo, Fireman Weston Hildreth, and Electronics Technician First Class Roy Gray sport the black marlin!

More Fish Call!



Fireman Jose Tamayo and Electronic Technician First Class Roy Gray shows off his catch with



Electronic Technician First Class Roy Gray caught a Mahi-Mahi!



Machinery Technician First Class Aaron Boyette and Machinery Technician First Class Johnny Bowles grilled up some tasty marlin!

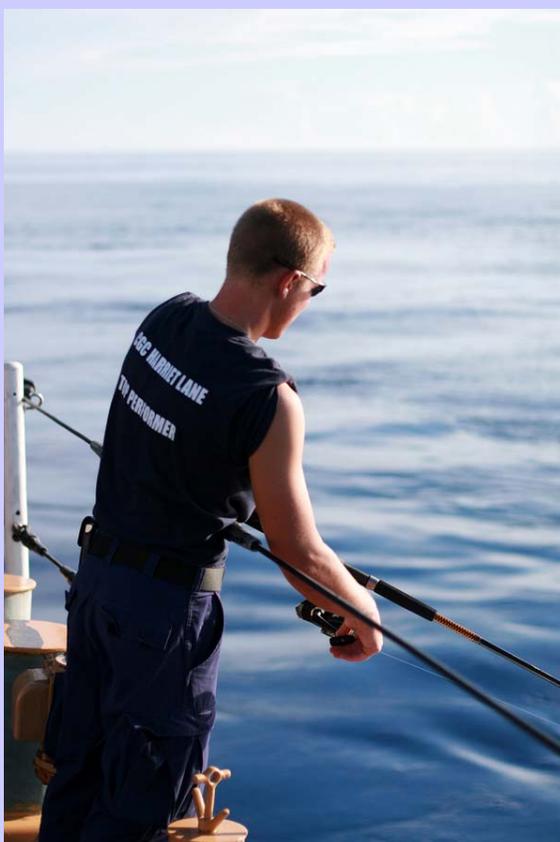
Patrol Pictures



Seaman Joel Brosius



Storekeeper Third Class Alex Dahlmeyer stands watch on the Bridge.



Boatswain's Mate Third Class Rex Baker, "Baby Boats" on a calm day.



Machinery Technician First Class Johnny Bowles has his game face on!

Patrol Pictures (cont.)



Machinery Technician Third Class Travis Chapman and Machinery Technician Second Class Jason Seraphin pose for a pic.



Seaman Apprentice Shannon Cass on the helm.



Our Sister Ship, THETIS, takes station alongside for a personnel transfer.



Ensign Cate Gillen gets ready to talk on the radio

Pyro Shoot!

Pyrotechnic devices including signal flares and smoke canisters are vital to locating people in the water. Here, crewmembers practice using these devices by firing them off the flight deck.

Great training and a superb aerial fireworks show for all!



Small Boat Operations

Our two small boats are vital to our multiple missions. Each week, HARRIET LANE crewmembers launch the two small boats to conduct drills and train new personnel.

Crewmembers include Boatswain's Mate First Class James Dawson, Maritime

Enforcement Specialist First Class Kurt Yockel, Boatswain's Mate Second Class Rico Tyler, Boatswain's Mate Second Class Carlton Johnson, Machinery

Technician Third Class Travis Chapman, Machinery

Technician Second Class Jason

Seraphin, Machinery Technician Second Class Thomas

Hissong, Machinery Technician Third Class Julianne



Martin and Boatswain's Mate Third Class James Wyle. HARRIET LANE's small boats can travel at speeds up to 42 knots, which is approximately 45 MPH. Now that's fast!

Advancements, Awards & Qualifications



Left: Petty Officer Jorge Solano is advanced to Damage Controlman Second Class! Right: Petty Officer Jason Seraphin is advanced to Machinery Technician Second Class! Congratulations to both of you!



Operations Specialist First Class Eric Gedick receives his 6th Good Conduct Award!



Seaman Cade Stombaugh receives his departing Award.

Advancements, Awards, & Qualifications, Con't.



Operations Specialist Third Class Chad Jackson is advanced to Operations Specialist Second Class!



Operations Specialist Third Class Nick Campbell is advanced to Operations Specialist Second Class!



Left: Gunner's Mate Second Class Craig Gibson getting his First Class crowns pinned on!



Machinery Technician Second Class Jason Seraphin receives his Sea Service Ribbon!

Advancements, Awards, & Qualifications, Con't.

Petty Officer Fernando Luna onboard HARRIET LANE for a temporary assignment is promoted to Intelligence Specialist Second Class!



Qualifications

Underway Officer of the Deck

LT Leah Albrecht

Inport Engineer Officer of the Watch

CWO Mark Russell

Underway Engineer Officer of the Watch

CWO Mark Russell

QuarterMaster of the Watch

IT3 Shawn Blackwelder

YN3 Tyler Pepin

SK3 Alex Dahlmeyer

Basic Damage Control PQS

ENS Jim Brendel

ENS Noëlle DeMarco

FSC Chantel Schmitt

EMC Barbara Vakselis

EM1 Daniel Orlando

Boarding Team Member

ENS Charlotte Delorey

ENS Jim Brendel

BM2 Rico Tyler

ME3 Taylor Huttenloch

Inport Security Watchstander

GM2 Nathan Shook

Helicopter Control Officer

OS2 Nick Campbell

Boarding Officer

MK2 Jason Seraphin

BM3 James Wyle

ENS Jeannie Crump

ENS Cate Gillen

Helm/Lookout

SA Shannon Cass

SN Kelsie Lambert

SN Lindsey Bourke

SN Darren Diobilda

CIC Watch Stander

OSC Chris Chiaro

ME1 Kurt Yockel

GM2 Nathan Shook

ET2 Steven Kelly

ME3 Taylor Huttenloch

CIC Watch Supervisor

OS2 Nick Campbell

Throttleman of the Watch

CWO Mark Russell

EMC Barbara Vakselis

MK2 Thomas Hissong

EM1 Daniel Orlando

MK3 Julianne Martin

DC3 Andy Gerspacher

Auxiliary Watch Stander

EM2 James MacKenzie

Landing Signal Officer

ENS Jeannie Crump



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“The Desired Effect”

USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions, including: Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.

HARRIET LANE's modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range off-shore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.

End of Course Tests

Enlisted-Professional Military Education E6

ET2 Corey Perro

ET2 End of Course Test

ET3 Ky Nyugen

Deck Watch Officer Renewal Exam

BM3 James Wyle

Ports of Call

Ω 17 August 2010 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Ω 27 August 2010 Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Other Recognition (cont.)

Thank you to ME1 Kurt Yockel for writing the Migrant Repatriation Article!

Thanks to YN3 Tyler Pepin for taking so many great pictures and helping out tremendously with this issue of Shore Ties!

Thank you also to OS3 Raul Roman and OS2 Colin Reinert for helping with photography!

Thank you to Fireman Weston Hildreth for providing the awesome picture of MK1 Johnny Bowles on page 11.

Mid-Patrol Shout-Outs!

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Bree and kids I love you guys, miss you and will see you soon!  
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Avery and Prestyn, I miss you so much, keep tearing your chains and I will be home at the end. I can't wait to give you lots of hugs and kisses. Love, Daddy

Lisa, I miss you baby and can't wait to get home. Thanks for being the wonderful and strong wife you are. I know you have the tougher job. I love you, Aaron
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I would like to give a shout out to my family back at home. To give them my best as we lost our 4-year old Dachshund RIP Basi. Much love and happy thoughts to my Daughter Jocelynn.  
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I would like to give a shout-out to my wife, Brandy, and my kids, Austin, Emma, and Tucker... I love you and miss you, and I'll see you soon!
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Christina Bean the Drama Queen: Mommy misses you! I love you all very much. Hugs and kisses!  
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Hannah - Looking forward to spend some well deserve time with you. Hope all is well in NOLA. Hang in there. Love, Robin
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Morgan and Bo, Love you and miss you guys much, can't wait to get home. Love, Dad  
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Hey girls I love you so much. I can't wait to be attacked by the baby again. Congrats on the new bundle of joy Kenny and Brandy.
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Thank you Mom, Dad, Sarah, Rachel, Hannah & Clare for your love and support! I miss you all and can't wait to see you soon. Love, Noëlle

Josh: I can't wait to be in your arms again. I love you, XOXO Noëlle  
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Mom and Larry, the patrol is half way over. I can't wait to see you both in October. Thank you for all the support the last 6 years, I appreciate everything. Love always, Jason
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Darlene, Hailey and Madison: I think of you everyday. You should be very proud of your accomplishments this summer... William & Mary Alum, Futures National Champ, and the other "Captain Vanns!" Continue to set the example. Enjoy the last weeks of summer, and good luck with the first day of school! All my love, Dad  
Mike and Ian: Happy Birthday! Can't wait to see you again soon, Uncle Jay  
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Mid-Patrol Shout-Outs!

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Just wanted to shout out to ling, Sissy & Terry, Jonathon and Randi...I miss you all and can't wait to come back home! - Chad

This shout out is to all my buds (furry and not). Can't wait to hang out with you all again... Dingo & Otis, Brett, Heath, Ben, Nick, Zach, Stevo and the crew. - Chad

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Courtney, Logan and Haley daddy misses you all and I will be home soon, Happy Birthday to all of the August family, wish we were there with you during the hard times. Love Mike

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A late Happy Birthday wish for my incredible wife Connie, you get more beautiful with each passing year! John, Chip, Reese and Carrie: I love, and am proud of, each of you! I look forward to being home with you all. Take care of Mom and each other! Love, Dad

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To Jennylee and Jeremy, miss you two soooo much! I'll see you soon! Baby, you'll always be, My Everything

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Kirstin and Maddy: I love you and miss you both! I can't wait to see you both on the pier soon! Still looking for that pirate gold! :)

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Hi Elizabeth and William! Daddy Loves You! Have fun in school! KMC- My Best Friend-143.

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This shout out is for my beautiful wife Nicole. I love you so much and you are the biggest blessing that ever came into my life. I also want to say hi to my dad, sister, and little brother Daniel. Happy birthday Daniel!

