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Monday, February 01, 2010

I tried to get Mae to sleep in but she couldn’t go back to sleep so got up before I left for my bus run. Jennifer was late getting to the compound because she fell back to sleep after the alarm went off. We called Chris and William, the first two students that we pick up, and asked if they could be ready when we got there. Both of them were at the curb as I drove up so that helped us make up time. I also pushed the speed limit. We came out ok. Mae had me something to eat when I got home. I took care of the rabbits and chickens and then took a hours nap. This afternoon run went well. Mae and I went to Tanner Clinic and got a physical examination by Dr. Lee, which went well. Mae stopped on the way home and got some food from Little Orient in Layton. I stopped and filled my pickup with natural gas. We talked to Irven and Sandy about letting them put insurance on our pickup but I don’t think that is going to work. I also visited with Bryce about the car he is getting ready for us. We will go into Ogden on Wednesday and get it registered so it can be road tested. I visited with Mike about our Palm and he will show me some things that may work for us on Google. He will visit with us on Friday evening.

Tuesday, February 02, 2010

Mae got up and helped me get off. Nicholas didn’t ride with us today so we finished early. While I was feeding the rabbits and chickens I also cleaned out the chicken coop and part of the chicken run. Scott came for lunch with us. We sure enjoyed having him. Jeff couldn’t make it because of work. My afternoon run also went well. I took our tax papers over to Mr. Sorenson’s and he said that he would have them ready tomorrow. This evening Jeff came over and visited for a few minutes. I called and visited with Rich and Lois and let them know that we were going on another mission. We started to watch a show on TV but realized that it would last too long so turned it off and went to bed.

Wednesday, February 03, 2010

This morning went well and we again finished early because Nicholas didn’t go again. I went into Ogden and met Bryce at the Department of Motor Vehicles where we got the Buick registered in my name. We then went out to look at the car. From the looks of things the cars repairs are going fine. I did get 15 minutes nap before taking the afternoon run. After returning home I took care of the animals and then Mae and I went over to Mr. Sorenson’s and signed our tax returns. We then went to Penny’s where I bought Mae a suit and pajamas. We came home and got something to eat and watched the last of a show on TV. Mae then gave me a haircut and we went to bed.

Thursday, February 04, 2010

I let Mae sleep in this morning, as I kept her awake quite a bit last night. She got up just before I finished my breakfast. The morning run went well although there was heavy fog for the first half of the route. I took the bus in for service this morning when I got back to the compound. I went home and got Mae. We then went out for breakfast with Jennifer and Ron. Jennifer wanted to do something for me before we left. It was a very enjoyable morning being with them. When we got home I fed the animals and then took a nap. When I went back to the bus compound I found that my bus was not completed. I went to dispatch and they assigned me another bus. I went to that bus location but no bus was there. I called and dispatch checked the GPS and said that the bus was on top. I went up top and found a big red sigh “Bus out of service” so called and dispatch assigned me another bus. I went there and again the bus wasn’t in the parking spot. I found another bus and called dispatch and said that I had found one and would take it. No objection. I had to go up to the shop and find some seat harnesses for Christopher and Nicholas. Jennifer was waiting for me when I finally got up to pick her up. The teachers had the students waiting when we finally got there. As we let William off Jennifer indicated she needed to find a restroom so I stopped at an Arby’s and gave her a few minutes. Mae wasn’t home when I got there but came shortly after. Bob prepared spaghetti sauce and Mae cooked some of our spaghetti for dinner. We drove over to Scott and Michelle’s just to visit with them. We enjoyed being with their family and especially playing with the twins. They are growing so fast and almost walking. Of course they are into everything and when you remove that item immediately finds something else. Before we left Scott mentioned that their lazy Suzan wasn’t working. I got some tools from the truck and after a few minutes of working with it found the problem and was able to repair it. As we drove over and back Mae read from the novel we are reading. It is sure fun just being with Mae, sure love that woman. It’s getting late and I have one more day to drive the school bus so we had better get to bed.

Friday, February 05, 2010

Mae got up and prepared breakfast of pancakes and eggs. My morning run went well. Mae went into Dr. Bennett’s for a treatment. She then picked up Georgia and the two of them went out to Sandi’s. Georgia had never seen Sandi’s home. After my morning run I filled the bus with fuel. I then stopped at Green’s Farm and Feed and bought feed for the rabbits and chickens. From there I went to the Chevron station and filled my pickup with natural gas. I came home and fed the animals. Cheryl came from Salt Lake to let us know that on the 26th of February, she and Bob will be sealed in the Jordan River Temple. She would also like to have her daughter sealed to them. We set a date next Friday morning for Cheryl to come up and we would help her with the New Family Search program to get the paper works ready for that event. Jennifer had a Dr. appointment and was unable to work with me this afternoon. Dispatch was able to get me a sub to help me. The bus run went well. When I got home Mae still wasn’t home. I took care of the animals and then started getting dressed for the wedding and reception for Marsha and John. Mae got home and we left for the wedding by 4:15 PM. It was a beautiful wedding and reception. We had a lot of Family there and had trouble getting to visit them all. All of our family made it to the reception and most to the Wedding. After Mike and Becky and Mae and I went to Jeff and Gail’s where we played a game and visited for a little while. David, Taylor, Mattie and Jessie had trouble finding the right directions to get to our place. They made it just before we got there. Mike showed Mae and I some things about our computer. I think that I became quite confused with it all. It was late when we finally got to bed.

Saturday, February 06, 2010

We enjoyed having Mike’s family with us this morning. Bob prepared hotcake batter for us for breakfast. We cooked the hotcakes on our grill. After breakfast David and Taylor left for home. The rest of us started to play rook but the deck was worn out so Mike and I went looking for a new deck. We went to 5 stores before we bought a deck of Rook and a deck of Canasta cards. By the time we got back we decided that we would just play Sneaks so that the Mattie and Jessie could play. We had lunch and then they left for home. It was sure good to be with them. I took a short nap and then we went with the Clark’s to Maddock’s in Brigham City. There we met with Brother and Sister Hyer for dinner. It was a fun evening with the six of us. When we returned home Mae and I took showers and watched a show on DVD.

Sunday, February 07, 2010

We slept in until after 8AM. We did some planning on mission preparation including some discussion as to the question “Are we wise in buying this car from Bryce”? I called Bryce about the 1996 Buick and he brought it up to our place. We took it for a test drive and then let Bryce take our car back to his place and he left the 96 with us. I took care of the animals and we took more pictures of our rabbits. I thought it would only take a few minutes to have a picture ready for Mae to put the rabbits on KSL.Com, but an hour and ½ later I had it ready. By then we had to go to our meetings. Meetings were very spiritual and informative. Mae bore her testimony in Relief Society. Bishop Smith read our mission call to the congregation at the beginning of our Sacrament and Testimony meeting. When time was opened for individual testimonies I took the opportunity to express my feelings about our calling. The testimonies that were shared were very well given, even the three that were given by young boys. After getting home from the meetings, Bob invited us for dinner. It was very good. I helped Mae take the monthly ward news letter around to the homes she had been assigned to deliver to. We drove the new Buick and when we had completed the delivery I had Mae drive for a little while. The car sure does ride nice but you can feel a problem with the transmission shifting. I visited with Bryce about it and he is ok if we do not want the car. I wrote this journal entry. Mae made us a strawberry shake and some toast with almond butter & jam. I transferred several documents from the desk top to the lap top. I also played a couple of games of solitary while waiting for files to transfer. I called and visited with Chuck Hyer about getting a newer car. He said that he would do some looking for us and call us back. It was late when we got to bed.

Monday, February 08, 2010

I woke early this morning and couldn’t get back to sleep. I did dose in the recliner a little. After breakfast I took care of the animals and then I called Qwest and was on the phone with them for over ½ hour. I scheduled our services to be removed on March 1st. I expressed my feeling of disappointment with their services and also told them that I would be moving to California which is outside their services. They did agree to wavy the early disconnect charges because of my dissatisfaction and also moving. Bob will probably keep his services with them. Mae and I drove Bryce’s Buick to Jennie’s where we bought some remedies. We then went to the Good Earth Health store. Next we took the Buick over to Dee’s and had his mechanic take a ride in it. He felt that if we got into it for under $1,500 we couldn’t go to wrong. We next went to a detailing shop in Layton and got an estimate to have the Buick cleaned up. We stopped at Deseret Book store in Layton where Mae bought some books. When we got home Bryce was there to get the car. We are still not sure if we should continue with the Buick but I feel like I should wait for Chuck to get back together with us. Bob had looked at a car at Beutler Auto so we went over there and looked at a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria that has 36,000 miles on it. It really looks nice and drove quite nice but it would cost us $55,000 plus tax and licensing. They also had another car we looked at for a little less. I don’t know why but I just didn’t feel good about it. This evening went fast as we looked at some cars on ksl.com and I got the pictures of our car ready for Mae to advertise on ksl.com. I filled out this entry and quite for today.

Tuesday, February 09, 2010

I didn’t get up very early as I woke before 4AM and couldn’t sleep well after that. Most of this day was spent looking for a car. We found three that we checked with Dee on and he didn’t recommend any of those. There is two Buick at Hertz that look good that I will check out in the morning. We watched half of a show on DVD last night before going to sleep so I think we will watch the last half tonight.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

I woke before 4AM thinking about the cars and when I got up, Mae also woke. We tried to go back to sleep but finally decided that we should get up. Mae wanted to get some apples put up before we leave, so we worked together and got 10 quarts of apple sauce out of the apples that we had remaining from what we got from Gale’s Mother. We then went into Ogden and picked up some of our supplements from Nancy. I tried to call Charles Hyer but could not get through to him. We next tried to reach the Clark’s to see if they had a new phone number for the Hyer’s but they were also not answering their phone. We drove up to Soda Springs in Idaho. Just as we entered Soda Springs Kathleen called and gave us Charles’s phone number. Before we could call Charles he called us. He gave me directions to Can Do Auto sales. We looked at the 2003 Buick and decided to buy it. Because of Charles Hyer we bought the car for 3,100 dollars. We stopped at a café that Charles also recommended. After lunch we went upstairs and went through a privet museum and enjoyed a few minutes there. We came home by way of the freeway and just west of Tremonton there was an accident. Several vehicles had already stopped but the police hadn’t arrived yet. We felt that there was too many people already there so we cautiously drove on. The police were there in just minutes. The accident looked as if it was a one car accident but looked quite serious. As it got dark and I turned the head lights on and we had other indications of problems show up. It made me a little nervous to have unexpected problems with the car. Bob and I went Home Teaching and did visit with all our familys. It was about 9:30PM when we got back home. We were tired tonight, so soon went to bed.

Thursday, February 11, 2010

I woke at 4AM thinking of the problems with the car. With me getting up it woke Mae so we got up early. I decided to call Dee’s and take the car in for a safety inspection which we need before we can get it licensed in Utah. Dee took it right in and called me back a little later and said that he had it all fixed and passed. That was great news for me. After I had taken the car in I fed the animals and then butchered three rabbits. I then had Bob take me back to get the car. I took it to Farmington and got it registered but I didn’t have the previous title so could not get the plates. We will have to wait for the title to come from Idaho. I called Can Do Auto and asked them to get it right out to me. I got home just in time to change and attend the funeral services for LaVern Larson. The services were quite simple but very nice. She has fought a battle with cancer for 10 years and passed away last Sunday morning. Her husband, Richard will surly miss her for he has taken such good care of her through it all. This afternoon I cut up, bottled and pressure cooked the three rabbits. Mae had made Yummy Potatoes for the funeral and so made a dish for Scott and Mishelle. Almost all of Scott’s family is sick with a fever and feels sick. We watched some shows on TV while we worked here in the kitchen. Mae wrote Chuck and Karen a thank you card for all they have done for us. It was again late by the time we got to bed but we got quite a lot done today.

Friday, February 12, 2010

I don’t know all that we did this morning but it seem to have been busy. About noon Mae and I went to Ogden to Inter Mountain Farmers and bought me some work clothes. We also bought Mae a couple of blouses. We went to Bountiful to meat Sandi and Nick to get Paris. We will tend her for them while they go on a cruise for a few days. Coming home the freeway traffic was really bad so we were late getting back. We were going to take Paris to our place to leave for the evening but by the time we got to Kaysville it was time to meet Georgia and Rick at Sizzlers for dinner. We decided to just go to Sizzlers and take Paris home after eating. We had a very enjoyable dinner and visiting. We took Paris home and then went to the Stake Center in Kaysville. We enjoyed being with Rick and Georgia and especially enjoyed the dance. The Davis High band played and did a good job. It was late when we got home.

Saturday, February 13, 2010

We went to Kylan’s basket ball game that started at 9AM. It was a very good game and we enjoyed watching the two teams. It was a close score but Kylan’s team won and we they excited. When we got home I took care of the animals. At 11 AM Mae went to the Clearfield Swimming pool where she met Jeff and his family and they went swimming. I loaded the rabbits into carrying pens and took them to meet Dian Taylor and her husband. They were later than they had expected but they took the buck, the two doe’s and the eight kits. When we get back they will give us a new buck and two does in exchange. When I got back to the swimming pool Mae and Jeff’s family were just coming out. Mae and I went to Cricket where we purchased a broadband internet receiver for our laptop. We came home and got things packed and went over to Jeff and Gail’s. We enjoyed the children and Jeff, Gail, Mae and I also played games until late. We slept at their place this evening.

Sunday, February 14, 2010

We got up and got ready for church. We had breakfast before going to church. Jeff didn’t attend with us and we saw the strain that Gail had as she tried to care for the two children without help. Jeff did keep the baby home so that was a help. Mae tried to help Gail as much as she could. The Sacrament meeting was very enjoyable. The High Councilman that spoke was especially interesting as he talked about those that experienced tragic things, including death or killing other in line of duty during war. He then tied it into Family History work and Temple work. After Sacrament meeting Mae went to Jr. Sunday School with Benji. Gail took Rachael to her class and I attended Sunday School class and Priesthood meeting. When we got home we had a light lunch. Jeff, Benji, Mae and I went for a walk into the hollow that start behind their house and goes down to the West for quite a ways. There has been paved trails put there so that it is a very nice walking trail area. After we returned from the hike we enjoyed a nice dinner. This evening Mae, Gail, Jeff and I enjoyed playing some games. We were late getting to bed.

Monday, February 15, 2010

We got up at 6AM. Jeff had got up before that and he went up to Idaho and went skiing with his brother-in-law. We had breakfast and then loaded our things and came home. I helped Bob move some furniture and remove some drapes. They had new windows installed throw out the upstairs. I then had Bob follow me with our new Buick and I drove the pickup to Murdock Chevrolet in Bountiful where I had them Service the car and automatic transmission, check the tires, repair the lining in the trunk and bought a new door lock transmitter. When Bob and I got home Mae and I lay down for a nap. However the phone rang and Mae got up to answer it. I fell asleep so Mae didn’t come back to bed. Bob took both Mae and I back to Murdock’s about 4PM. The car was finished and all went well with the service. The reason that the cornering lights didn’t work is that the car didn’t come with that equipment. Mae and I then drove to Bryce and Deanna’s where we joined with Kim and Jeanenne, Georgia and Rick and the six of us had dinner and then visited about memories of Mom and Dad Porter. We had a very enjoyable evening. I goofed as we were all leaving. We stayed behind to visit with Bryce and Deanna about traveling together when we drive to California. Bryce and Deanna were suggesting that they travel very light so they could take more of our luggage with them. I didn’t handle it right and Mae took offence to it and we drove home in silence. It didn’t make for a good ending but Mae and I finally talked it through.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

I got up about 3:30AM and was still concerned about last night. I couldn’t go back to sleep so went to the front room and finally slept in the recliner. We got up about 8:30AM and I had a 10AM appointment in Ogden. Mae got breakfast ready for me before I left. I went to Praxair where I had my CPAP checked out. I got a new face mask and some filters for it. When I left I drove past Dillard’s and the thought came to me that this is where Dennis Ewing works. Just then I saw Dennis washing the front doors. I stopped and visited with him for a few minutes. He said that he was doing fairly well but that Eleanor wasn’t doing very well. That is why they haven’t been able to attend any of the functions where we have attended together as old friends. Bob wanted me to help him with the paper work that he needs to fill out to get the rebates for installing the windows. We also stopped at Universal Rental to check on the price of a car dolly so that I could tow the Buick behind the pickup. When we got home and I told Mae that it would cost over $200. To rent it but that I would do that if she couldn’t pack all she needs into the Buick. I called Roy and asked him about some questions on Bob and Carroll’s rebates. We visited for a little while. After dinner this evening we did watch a little TV. Mae also got on the computer and did some research on the cost of Hotel rooms in St. George. I caught my journal up today and now it is time for bed.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

I tried to download our checking accounts onto our laptop computer. I doen’t know what I did but I got things locked up on the computer. I became quite frustrated and finally just left it. Bob needed help with the rebate on his windows. I had called Roy yesterday and then told Bob and Carroll that we needed the information for their last year taxes. They couldn’t find their Social Security information so this morning Bob went into the S.S. Office in Ogden and got copies. I took my computers to Staples and got help from them with the problems. I went to Home Depot and picked up some items I needed. When I got home Mae was trying to help Bob with the papers he was to send to Roy and she was getting quite upset also. I finished getting the papers ready for him. This afternoon I trimmed the rose bushes down, ate lunch and then cut the tree in the front parking down. Bob helped me by loading the branches into the truck. We got the tree cut down and about half of it loaded. We will have to make a second trip to the dumps. Mae and I watched a show on TV while we ate dinner. Bishop stopped by and gave me a check to deposit into our Mission Account. I thought it would be for the full amount but it was for $1,200 which is the amount for the first month. I called Bishop Smith back and he called Brother McPhie who had miss understood so they will give me another check. Mae got on the internet and made reservations for Bryce, Deanna, Mae and I to stay in the Falcon Ridge Hotel in Mesquite, Nevada the night of March 1st. We couldn’t get the printer to work from the laptop again tonight. I gave up and wrote down the information. I entered today’s journal. Mae cleaned out the pantry and got some things ready to pack to take with us.

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Bob & I finished cutting up and loading the tree and took it to the dump. Mae had an appointment to get her hair done. She then went to Wilma’s and bought more Colloidal Silver. This afternoon I took my tool trailer and went up to Jeff and Gail’s. We tended their children while they went on an overnight wedding anniversary get-a-way. Mae got home just as they were pulling out of the driveway. We had a wonderful evening with the children.

Friday, February 19, 2010

The children slept well last night and so did we. Mae tended the children and I went to work cutting off doors and repairing bi-fold that had been hung wrong. Mae sure enjoyed being with the grand children. I just finished up when Jeff and Gail returned home. We came home and I took a shower and changed. We then went down to Randy’s 60th Birthday open house. After that we drove up to David and Shauna’s where we stayed the night. Shauna had a nice dinner for us when we got there. It was a very nice evening just relaxing and visiting with their family. Emily gave up her bed room for us and she and Tyler slept in sleeping bags on the front room floor. David expressed concerns with his company. His boss wants him to train the rest of the company’s reps on his sales tecknicks. There is several legal problems that could occur should he do so. It is really causing David to have stress related problems.

Saturday, February 20, 2010

We slept pretty good last night although I woke with a headache. After a nice breakfast we attended a basket ball game that David is the teams coach and Tyler is one of his main players. Tyler had a gun safety class to attend first. He and another team member were late getting to the game. By the time they got there the other team was 9 to 0 on the score board. David’s team did quite well but could never get closer than 3 points to them and lost by that margin. After lunch Mae and I let David and Shauna go looking for some new furniture while we stayed with the children. I took a short nap but Jeff call and woke me. I caught up my journal this afternoon and I also called and visited with Jackie Winterowd, my cousin. They had just got home from a vacation so had not seen Uncle Lee or Aunt Wilma yet. She had talked to Tonna and was told that both of their parents are doing quite well although they are still in a nursing home. Jackie gave me the phone number where I could call Uncle Lee and Aunt Wilma, so I call them. I visited with the two of them for a few minutes and they seem to be doing fair for the age that they are. We took the children over to the church house where we played in the gym for a while. I played some basket ball with Tyler. Conner brought his race car but he broke the antenna when he got in the car. I took a few minutes and repaired it. Mae played games with Conner and Emily. When David and Shauna returned they told us that David had just heard the news that his company had just received a huge law suit against them. David figures that this will have high negative effects that may very well affect him. Mae and I came home and soon took showers and then watched a movie.

Sunday, February 21, 2010

We were able to do some planning as we don’t have meetings until 1pm. Before leaving for church I tried to set the stove to time bake but was unable to do so. I tried to set Bob’s stove and after a couple of tries was able to get it set. I again tried to set ours but again was unsuccessful. Instead I just left Sunday school class early and came home and turned the stove on. When we got home from meetings Mae and I finished with the dinner preparations. David’s family came about 4:30PM for dinner. Mae had made a wonderful meal and we all enjoyed it. After cleaning up for dinner we played a couple of games. I had David take our two safes to his house to keep them for us while we are gone. Before going to bed I made up more capsules of Ambrotose powder. I finished this entry and we went to bed.

Monday, February 22, 2010

We would have liked to just sleep in this morning but there are too many things that need to be accomplished today. Mae started breakfast and also the washing. After breakfast I went to Home Depot to get two doors to replace two doors t Scott house. They didn’t have the doors that I needed so I went to Stocks and bought them. Mae went to the Motor Vehicle Department and was able to get license plates for our Buick. The number on the plates is (B88 8GE). I finished installing the two doors adjusted the front storm door by 2:15PM. I then borrowed Scott and Michelle’s car and went to Dr. Gray’s office where I had an appointment to have my teeth cleaned. I came back to Scott’s and put my tools in my trailer and came home. I got home just a little before 5PM. Sandi came to get Paris and she stayed and had dinner with us. Bob had prepared a nice roast dinner for us. Jeff came over while we were eating and put our desk top computer back together and was figuring his income tax reports when we came downstairs. Sandi left for home and took Paris with her. Jeff stayed for a little while and got our online Google visual communications working for us. After Jeff left, Mae and I watched a show on TV. Mae has been busy all day getting things packed. Even when we had the TV going Mae was still going strong. Mae made copies of some of my journal entries for 28th 29th & 30th of July, 2009 and added some remarks of her own, for Gail. I then finished my journal entry and we went to bed after mid-night.

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Things were a little frustrating this morning because the day didn’t start out like it was planned. To start with I slept until 8:30AM without even getting up during the night. Bob wanted to go check on the tiller because they were going to Salt Lake to have Carroll’s eyes checked this afternoon. Besides buying a tiller we also went to Sam’s Club where I bought a Ipod to replace my Palm which I going out on me. Mae was in such a hurry to get things packed and then she had Scott and Jeff come for lunch. Gail also wanted to come for lunch to be with us as much as she can before we leave. I went to the credit union, got gas, went to the post office, went to the auto parts and made a second stop to the credit union to be sure that our credit cards will work when we go to California. Mae did get me to lie down and take a short nap. I got the tool trailer blocked up and things put away. All in all things worked out ok. Jeff came over this evening and finished his income taxes. They will be getting a fair amount back this year. This evening at 8:30PM Mae and I went to the Stake President’s office where he set the two of us apart for our missionary calling. He gave us both beautiful and appropriate blessings. We came home and had some super before going to bed. I set up in the recliner as I didn’t think I could sleep well after eating so late.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

I got back in bed about 1AM and slept well the rest of the night. We got up about 7AM. Mae was still worried taking everything so I decided to rent a car tote and drive the pickup and pull the car. When I called to rent the tote we found out that U-Haul advised against pulling the 2003 Buick Lasabre with my 1997 Chevy3/4 ton pickup. There for we could have no insurance on it. I tried several other ways and it would cost too much. I brought the Buick down and loaded it and we will get everything in especially with Bryce and Deanna’s car. Mae has been busy all day cleaning and packing. We did lay down this afternoon and take a nap. I mailed a package to Shellie, bought us a Sub-Way for dinner and bought me a couple of white shirts at Kohls. Lanny called this evening and I visited with him for a while. I told him that I had visited with Jackie and also his parents. We visited for several minutes. His company laid him off a year ago because he was getting older and younger family members now owned the company. He said he is doing ok and hasn’t missed a day of work since but it just makes him mad that they treated him that way after all the years he has worked for them. I guess we are going to ride the Trax to Salt Lake in the morning so we had better get to bed before long. Bishop Steadman called just after we went to bed. He said he was going to be in meetings in Salt Lake all day so he would pick us up and take us and then he should be through about the same time as us and would bring us back home. We agreed on that plan.

Thursday, February 25, 2010

We were up at 4:30AM to be ready when Bishop Steadman came. It was nice riding with him and we enjoyed the trip together. We were at the designated meeting place a little early but that was ok. We enjoyed the seminar with Elder and Sister Bretzing. It was good to meet with them and get better acquainted. Also in the seminar were Elder and Sister Evans from Prescott Arizona. They will be going to The United Kingdom to serve. The first thing on the agenda was to have our pictures taken. I realized that I should have been in a dark suit and I felt improperly dressed the rest of the day. We each introduced our self. Kevin Pasker of Risk Management gave a presentation of farm safety. Elder and Sister Bretzing presented a video on Serving on a FRI Mission. At dinner time we were taken to the Joseph Smith Memorial building to the Garden Restaurant for a very good dinner. This afternoon we continued with more training and wound up at 3:30PM. I went to call Bishop Steadman but found that we had left both of our cell phones home. I tried to reach Bishop Steadman but only got his answering service. At 4:30PM we made contact with him and he soon came. During the day I felt that I should have worn a dark suit. Because my dark suit and to small I wore my light one. While waiting for Bishop Steadman we thought about going across the street to Mr. Mack’s but realized that I wouldn’t have time for any alterations or the hemming of the pants. When we got home we were also concerned about the renewal of our Temple Recommends. I called Bishop Smith but he could not interview us this evening. He had me call Brother Mark McPhie his 2nd Counselor, and he said that he could meet us at the office at 7PM. We had time to go to Stake Executive Secretary and get a key to the red chapel. I talked to him about getting a member of the Stake Presidency to sign our recommends and he said that President Mitchell would be at our chapel so we could get him to interview us. It all worked out great. When we mentioned that I needed a bark suit to Bob, he said he had one. Most of the suits that Bob has had doesn’t fit me but this one was just perfect. It looks like all our problems just worked out and we got everything done that we needed. We went to bed late with Mae not feeling very well.

Friday, February 26, 2010

We got up early to go to the Jordan River Temple to be with Bob and Cheryl Bottom as they go through a session for Bob to receive his endowments. When we woke, I felt very rough, so I went back to sleep. We later rode with Bob and Carroll to the Temple and were able to attend their sealing. This afternoon Bob and I went over to Roy and picked up the rotor tiller that we purchased the other day. It looks like it will be a pretty good one. Mae got her hair washed and put up this afternoon and then went to Scott and Michelle’s. She tended their children while Scott and Michelle went out to eat. It was 9:30PM before Mae got home. Bryce and Deanna came over and the two of us loaded most of our luggage into the two cars. Bob cooked liver and onions for he, Carroll and I this evening. After eating I went over to the Winegars to deposit our travel check and looked for some canned sliced apples but they didn’t have any. Mae got her something to eat before we went to bed.

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Bob fixed breakfast for us of bisques and gravy. He also made us an apple pie, using our sweetener, and he made gravy for our family party. I cooked chicken breast on the grill and put them in an electric oven. I also finished packing the car. We went up to the red chapel where all our family (except Shellie’s family and Logan) came and we had a Family birthday Party. We did this so that we can give all the Birthday presents now instead of mailing them. After a very great dinner, we opened gifts and then set up volleyball net and several enjoyed a game. That wound up at 5PM. Mae and I went to the Hail Playhouse and enjoyed Fiddler on the Roof. It was 11:20PM before we got to Mike’s. Becky was still up waiting for Taylor to get home from a Stake dance.

Sunday, February 28, 2010

We got up at 6:30AM and got ready for church. Mae and I were so tired that we only stayed for Sacrament meeting and then came home and took a nap. When I got up Mike and I went over to Costco and purchased some appt cards for our IPod and a membership card for Mae and I. Mike and I spent most of the day putting applications into the IPod for Mae and I.