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Sunday, August 01, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 6 this morning but went back to bed not feeling very well. Mae cuddled me up, added a blanket and let me go back to sleep. She came back in at 8:30 to check on me. I woke and she told me that my breakfast was ready for me. She then had to leave for church. I got up and found that not only was my breakfast ready but that the TV and DVD player were ready for me to turn on to the General Priesthood session of last conference. Also the computer was set on the stand beside the recliner so I could easily access it. Is there any man that has a wife sweeter to him than I do? How grateful I am for her.

After eating and watching the conference session, I got up for a minute. I was glad for it takes me a couple of minutes to get up and moving. About that time Eleanor Ewing called in return to Mae’s call yesterday. We enjoyed a short visit. It was good to hear from long time friends and to know that they are still in fair health.

Mae came home from meetings completely worn out. We laid down together and took a nap. Mae cooked a very delicious chicken dinner. While Mae cooked dinner and while we ate we watched the 1st and 2nd CD of “On Sacred Ground” by Truman G. Madsen. The Shaw’s let us borrow their set of eight CD’s. Lee and Kim came over for a short visit and then Jay, Ilene and Andrew Payne came over so that Andrew could give me a get well picture that he colored for me. Andrew is in our nursery and is a very special young man. Of course he has very special parents. This evening we watched another CD loaned to us by the Shaw’s, “For Ever Strong” and we really enjoyed that. I also got my letter to Ashley written today. It was after 10PM when we went to bed.

*Copy of letter written to Ashley*

Sunday, August 01, 2010

Dear Granddaughter Ashley,

Grandpa had hoped that we might drive home to be with you on this special day in your life. I am sorry that my health is stopping Grandma and me from doing that. When we found out that I was going to have this operation and we were told that I could not work for a couple of weeks, we thought that it might work out so that we could come home for this special occasion but I guess Grandpa is getting to old for my body to heal that fast. I guess it is like waking up on a school day being too sick to go to school but also to sick to get up and play.

May I still tell you some of my feeling as to what this special day means to me? Of course this special day, that I am writing about, is the day you are BAPTIZED. Although it was over 63 years ago that I was baptized, I still remember that day. I am sorry to say that it was not because of my mother or father’s testimony, teachings or encouragement that I was baptized but because of the love of my primary teacher. When she realized that my parent’s faith was not strong enough to teach me the importance of baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she continued to teach me each week in our primary class and then, several months after my 8th birthday, she arranged for me to have an interview with my Bishop. She then picked me up on the appointed day and took me to the Stake Baptismal Day which was held at our Stake Center over 10 miles away from where I lived, in the next community. There is not much that I remember about that day except that I didn’t know anyone that was there, except my primary teacher. I do not remember the talks or the music and I did not even know the one that baptized me. I do remember that after being baptized that I felt good and I also remembered that my primary teacher loved me. The next day was Fast Sunday and my Uncle Albert, who was also serving in the bishopric, confirmed me a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I do not remember if anyone else in my family was in attendance at the meeting or not that day.

When looking at how much I remembered about my baptismal day, some people may say, “Why do we baptize a child so young? Why not wait until they are older, maybe 16 or 18 or even 21 when they are an adult and can decide for themselves?” Yes we have many wonderful and faithful members of the Church that were not baptized until they were much older. I believe that for some reason; only known to Our Heavenly Father, some of us were blessed with the privilege of coming to this earth with special parents and circumstances wherein we are blessed to have the privilege of being baptized as early in our life as 8 years of age. We know from our scriptures that, Our Heavenly Father has stopped Satan from having power over the hearts of little children until 8 years of age. I believe that because of the Great Love Heavenly Father has for each of his children, as soon as circumstances are right, that He wants us to have a very special helper, a personal guide and a comforter, to be with us as we go through the rest of our life. Most of the time we refer to this helper as the Holy Ghost. Ashley, for you that time is now.

May I testify to you, as one of many who loves you very much, that I know the Holy Ghost. He has helped me make important decisions in my life. He has given me answers to my prayers, often instantly. He has comforted me when I was afraid and needed help when there was no one else that could help me. The greatest experience to me was when I needed help and asked to know if the Book of Mormon was true and if Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. That answer came to me as I left my bed room, after I had completed reading the Book of Mormon and earnest prayer, as clear and certain as if someone had spoken to me in a loud voice. I bear testimony that I know that the Book of Mormon is true and that Joseph Smith was called of God to restore the Church of Jesus Christ. He remained true to that calling and sealed his testimony by giving his life rather than to deny his testimony. By the Spirit of the Holy Ghost you or anyone can also have that testimony.

I love you!

Elder / Grandpa Browning

Monday, August 02, 2010

Shafter, California

Neither Mae nor I were able to sleep well last night. Sometime during the night Mae went into the spare bedroom to sleep. I still woke a couple of times but I think we both slept better. When Mae couldn’t sleep she got up and wrote a special letter to Ashley. I got up before 7 but tried not to wake Mae. I worked on the sheetrock materials take off for the housing project and started today’s entry to my journal before getting something to eat for breakfast. I did some study from the “Preach My Gospel”. This evening at 5:30 Elder and Sister Shaw came for dinner and after we held a Family Home Evening and enjoyed discussing the Attributes of Christ. It was a very enjoyable evening. After the Shaw’s went home Mae and I watched a series of the JAG programs before going to bed.

Tuesday, August 03, 2010

Shafter, California

I slept in this morning. Mae was up earlier and was preparing for the events of the day. While she prepared breakfast I wrote a Birthday card to Taylor Page Browning. She will be 16 years old on Thursday. I also made changes to our Calendar from July to August. After breakfast Mae went with other Sisters from our ward to a Sr. dinner and program held in Bakersfield. I stayed home and started this journal entry and watched more of Truman Madsen. When Mae returned I had eaten my lunch and was ready to go to Bakersfield for my appointment with Dr. Moon. After the appointment we got a few items from Lasson’s. We stopped and got a Sub-Way and then went to Home Depot. I used the electric cart to get around. This evening before going to bed we watched another section of Big Valley.

Wednesday, August 04, 2010

Las Vegas, Nevada

We got up with plans for a normal day. After breakfast I fixed the drip lines in the front yard. David called to see how I was doing. We visited for several minutes. After we hung up I went into the house and told Mae that we should go to Utah. Ashley will be baptized on Saturday, David will be operated on tomorrow, Aunt Beth is dying, and I can’t do much work yet. We also need to see the apartment now that it is about repaired. She asked how I felt and I said that I felt like going home for a few days. I called Lee and he agreed with me, so we packed up (mainly Mae packed), I made some arrangements for sheetrock to be delivered and we left for home. We called Mike on the way and asked him where we should stay overnight in Las Vegas and he recommended Sam’s Town or Orleans. Sam’s Town was only $27.00 for the two of us so we took that one. We got checked in and started for the elevators when the show started at Mystic Mountain. It was a water dance to music with moving animals on the mountain. It was fun to watch but I had walked long enough by the time we got to our room. The room was very nice, especially for that price.

Thursday, August 05, 2010

Las Vegas, Nevada

I didn’t sleep the best last night. I experienced quite a bit of pain and about 5:30 AM I got up and took my computer into the bathroom where I might work on it without waking Mae. I worked on my personal autobiography. We left for Mike’s shortly about 9AM after getting something to eat and stopping at Wal-Mart’s. it took us a few minutes to get the GPS going and determining our rout. Then when we thought we were going onto the main highway the exit was closed due to construction and we had to find an alternate route. We were sure glad for the GPS as I completely lost coordination to directions and after several turns of freeway we were back on route. We stopped in St. George for a break, gas and something to eat before going on. Mae drove from St. George to Fillmore where we stopped for a break. I couldn’t resist and we got a small cup of frozen yogurt and did we enjoy that. I drove on to Mike and Becky’s. Becky invited us to stay for dinner with them, it also being Taylor Page’s 16th Birthday. After dinner Mike and Page had plans to go to a movie. We soon went on to Jeff and Gail’s. Ben and Rachel had gone to bed but when they heard us come in they had to get us and give us a hugs and kisses. They were so cute and then went right back to bed. They are growing so fast. It is so good to see our family as we have missed them very much. Jeff, Gail, Mae and I played some Hart’s before going to bed late.

Friday, August 06, 2010

Layton, Utah

I woke before 6AM California time but snuggled with my sweetheart and went back to sleep. It was a couple of hours later that I got up. Mae prepared us some breakfast. Benjamin wanted my help in putting a puzzle together. We got start on the puzzles and then I ate breakfast. After eating Mae and I helped Ben put the puzzle together. Mae took Benji and Rachael outside for a little while and I caught this journal up. Mae and I then went over to visit Bob and Carroll. The apartment looks very good with the cabinets looking the worst. They will do but there is several places that shows damage and poor craftsmanship. We went up to David and Shauna’s to be with David while Shauna took Tyler to the school for a program he is participating in. It was good to visit with David. This evening Mae and I met Jeff, Gail, Marcy (Gail’s mother) and Sandi at Tagert Grill for dinner. After eating we came back to Jeff and Gail’s and played games. It was late when we quit and went to bed. I finished this entry while Sandi and Mae visited for a few minutes.

Saturday, August 07, 2010

Layton, Utah

I slept very well last night but Mae didn’t sleep quite as well. She got up at 6:30 and I didn’t get up until after 6:30AM. I put on my suit but it was so uncomfortable that I changed back into a jump suit. We got over to the Country Creek chapel before 10AM and I changed into my suit and tie. The Baptism was held in conjunction with Justis Arnell but went very well. The pianist and chorister was not there so Sandi and Becky volunteered. The services went well and were very spiritual and appropriate. After the services Mishelle had all family members go to the Stake center where we enjoyed a nice lunch. David of course couldn’t come but Shauna and Emily came. Sandy came without Nike. Mike, Becky, Page, Mattie and Jesse came along with all of Jeff’s family, so our family was well represented. After lunch we all came back to Jeff’s where we visited and played games. It has been a special day. This evening Jeff, Gail, Mae and I played Rook. It was late when we got to bed.

Sunday, August 08, 2010

Layton, Utah

Mae got up and attended Sacrament meeting with Gail. I showered and then got me some breakfast and hung out with Jeff. After Mae returned she and I went down to visit Aunt Beth. She seems to be alert but can’t talk. She writes on a note book to ask or answer questions. After visiting with her we ate a lunch that Mae had prepared. We then went Bob and Carroll’s. Bob had attended Priesthood so we visited with Carroll for a while. Carroll immediately began to tell us how people are breaking into our house and using our internet service. I assured her that they couldn’t use our internet service as we had totally disconnected our services with Qwest and had disconnected any services. She feels that it is the neighbors to the east and that they are stealing electricity from us. She is sure that they are getting on the roof of the house and into the attic along with getting access to the house through our apartment. We attended Sacrament meeting in the Clinton 20th Ward and it seemed good to see old friends. We were a half hour or longer visiting after meeting. Bob prepared a very nice dinner for us and had made a special apple pie for us using Agave Nectar and did it taste good. I visited with Bob about Carroll and he doesn’t know what to do about her. He says she is getting more paranoid daily. We came back to Jeff and Gail’s and after they put the children down to sleep we played games. Gail’s mother also came over and played games with us. It was late when we got to bed. We spent some time finding phones, cameras and computer chargers and getting everything plugged in. I also filled out this entry.

Monday, August 09, 2010

Morgan, Utah

We were later getting up this morning. Mae prepared breakfast for us. After getting going this morning and having breakfast we went up to David’s. David is doing well but is in quite a lot of pain. It is good that he has pain med’s. I slept some through the day. We also watched the movie “The Man from Snowy River”, along with a couple that the kids watched. David has a program with Netflex so that they can select the movies that they want. We really enjoyed being with David’s family. We stayed tonight at David’s.

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Morgan, Utah

I woke up and was still having some dizziness. After breakfast, Mae gave me a haircut and then I took a shower. This afternoon we went to Scott and Michelle’s. We spent some time looking and checking out their camp trailer. It is very nice and we were quite impressed with some of the new fetchers that they have added to this model. David called Scott and asked if he could got to his n-laws and get I stationary bike for him so he can get started exercising his leg. Kylan and I went with him and it ended up taking about two hours to do it. It was 11PM when Mae and I got to Jeff’s so we were late getting to bed.

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Layton, Utah

We woke before 7AM but cuddled for a few minutes before getting up. We went to Bob and Carroll’s for biscuits and gravy. I soldered a pipe in the cabinets downstairs just before the cabinet tops were installed. The installer did a excellent job with the installation. Bob, Carroll, Mae and I played a game of Canasta in which Bob and I won. Mae and I then went to a Truss Officer at America First Credit Union and had our Truss reviewed. It is in fair shape but needs a little addition. We spent 2 ½ hours with him and it was free advice. We stopped at the health store and the grocery store before going on to Jeff and Gail’s. I took the time to get this entrance added to my journal and then took a nap. Mae woke me for dinner and then Mae, Gail, the children and I took a walk. Jeff came home shortly after we got back from the walk. After the children were put to bed Jeff, Gail, Mae and I played a game of Harts. It was a close game with Jeff finally going over 50 and we quite at that point. Mae isn’t feeling the best today as she feels like she is coming down with a cold.

Thursday, August 12, 2010

Layton, Utah

Mae didn’t sleep very well last night but was up before 7AM. Gail took Mathew for some medical evaluations. Mae and I took Benji and Rachael to Benji’s swimming lessons. After the swimming lesson we took the children to the park and let them play on the slide set. They had Mae on the slides with them until she was worn out. When we got back to Jeff’s and Gail was home, Mae went downstairs and took a nap. I filled some capsules with Phy-loe and Ambrotose. We filled out Medical Directives Living Wills and took them to get our signatures Notarized and then made copies in case of a medical crisis. I then took Mae out to eat at Golden Corral Restaurant. After eating a wonderful dinner we went over to Bob and Carroll’s and watched a cute show on the Hallmark channel. We came back to Jeff and Gail’s, Jeff wanted to play a game before going to bed. Gail and Mae challenged Jeff and I to a game of Rook and though it was close Jeff and I won. I made this entry before we went to bed. Mae still isn’t feeling very well.

Friday, August 13, 2010

Layton, Utah

We slept in until after 6AM when we started up. It was almost 8AM when I got up. After reading my scriptures and having my morning prayers I wanted to go to the Temple. As Jeff didn’t go in until late I stayed to be with him. For breakfast we had hot cakes. I went over to Good Earth and bought some fresh ground almond butter. It was really good and the price was ok but it is made out of almond chips and not whole almonds. Mae, Gail, Jeff and I played a game of Settlers which Mae won beating me by one move. This was Mae’s first time at winning this game. I took our truss papers back up to David’s and put them into our safe that is there. David is feeling some better this morning but I didn’t go up to his room to see them because of the colds we have all had at Jeff’s. I am sorry to say that I didn’t make it to the Temple. This afternoon Mae and I watched the show “Eight Below” with Benji and Rachael. We then had dinner and went to the movie “Toy Story 3” with Jeff and Gail. Gail’s mother, sister and sister-in-law also met us there. It was a cute show for little children. After the show more of Gail’s family met at a ice cream store so Mae and I went to a store and bought some fruit and came back and ate our fruit with them. I had started this entry earlier and finished it before going to bed.

Saturday, August 14, 2010

Tooele, Utah

I got up this morning and showered and then went to the Bountiful Temple. I really enjoyed the session but missed not having Mae with me. She is still not feeling the best. It was 11:30AM when I returned home. I finished packing up as Mae had done most of the packing while I was at the Temple. We played a game of Settlers with Jeff but ran out of time so called the game and I won by 1 point. We stopped at Bob and Carroll’s and they had the two apple pies baked for us and ready for us to take. We came out to Sandi and Nick’s. We helped them prepare for a 50th Birthday Party for Nike. They had quite a few guests that came. Mae and I especially enjoyed visiting with Gary and Sandra McClusky and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After the party ended and we got things gathered up, Chelci, Steve, Nathan, Sandi, Nick, Mae and I set in the gazebo and visited. It has been a very enjoyable evening. Before the party started Mae and I started watching the show Johnny Lingo 2 but was unable to see the last of it so after the party we watched the ending. Sandi and Nick gave up their bedroom for us to use tonight.

Sunday, August 15, 2010

Las Vegas, Nevada

We had breakfast wi Sandi and Nick and then left for Mike’s. Neither Mae nor I really felt the best so we called Mike and asked if they wanted us to stop and take the chance of getting them sick. They felt that although they would like to see us they didn’t want to chance it. We stopped to get gas and changed into our Sunday dress and went to Sacrament meeting at the Broadway Ward in Tooele. We really enjoyed the meeting and appreciated being able to partake of the Sacrament. We drove to Las Vegas where we stayed at Sam Town. We did go down and watch the water show and I estimated that the height of the mountain room is over 100 feet. When we got to our room we tried to find something on TV but there wasn’t anything worth watching.

Monday, August 16, 2010

Shafter, California

We enjoyed sleeping in and didn’t check out until 11:30AM. After getting to the car Mae wanted to return to the mountain room and take some pictures. I stayed at the car and caught up my journal. This gave Mae time to get her pictures. We drove on from Las Vegas to Bakersfield California with only one rest stop. I drove the first half and Mae drove on into Bakersfield. We stopped at the Sizzler in Bakersfield and ate dinner. It was 6:45PM when we got home. Gail called us about the time we were leaving Las Vegas to tell us how much they enjoyed having us there. She said that as she came home after taking Benji to swimming lessons, Benji said, “I sure miss Grandma and Grandpa.” We did enjoy being with them. We were tired and ready to quite but got things brought into the house and Mae got most everything put away.

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 2:30AM and was up almost a ½ hr not being able to go to sleep. I got up and looked for my robe or the light blanket to put over me while I watched something on the TV. I couldn’t find either and in the process I woke Mae. I took some aspirins and went to sleep. The alarm was set for 6:30AM but after turning it off I fell back to sleep and it was after 7 when I woke. Mae prepared my breakfast and lunch and I went over to the Kimberlina shop and helped Elder Shaw with some repairs on the house there. We worked until 4PM. I came home and showered and cleaned up. We then went over to the Shaw’s for dinner and enjoyed visiting with them. It was 9PM when we got back home. I filled in this journal entry before we went to bed. I have been dizzy part of the day and am quite dizzy this evening.

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Shafter, California

Neither Mae nor I feel really good this morning. We got up and had breakfast and then went into Dr. Moon for another check-up. Dr. Moon said that everything was good and I could go back to work. I asked him about the dizziness that I am experiencing. He said that it is not related to the operation and that we should look into it. He is ordering a cat scan to be taken and told us that we would follow up with Dr. Hudson. We also had to go to the laboratory to get a blood test. After leaving the medical center we searched for a notary to get the letter signed for Citi Bank. We finally went to UPS where they notarized my signature and then faxed the letter to Citi Bank. We next went to T-Mobil and got my new cel phone switched and returned the loaner phone. We went to Lassens to get some bread but also got some cold cereal as it was on sale. After getting home I took a short nap and then we met Lee and the Shaw’s and Lee showed us the harvesting of the almonds. It was very interesting. We took several pictures and notes of the operation. Before returning home I washed my pickup at the Kimberlina shop and got two bottles of drinking water. Mae soon had dinner ready when I got home. We watched a movie, “Rooster Cogburn” starring John Wayne. That is still a good movie. I down loaded the pictures we took today to our computer and entered this journal entry before we went to bed.

Thursday, August 19, 2010

Shafter, California

I got over to the Kimberlina shop home at 8AM and Elder Shaw was already working. I am still dizzy when I bend over or tip my head but I have been able to work all day. We removed the carpeting and pad from the dining room area, hall way and living room. The flooring is not in very good shape. The roofers worked on the roof most of the morning. The plumbers removed the toilet and shower / tub in preparation of replacing them. We found that someone has replaced several areas of water line mixing galvanized pipe with copper pipe making direct connections with the two metals, which does not work. Hector sent his crew over but when we found this problem he came over. I spent some time visiting with him. He had his men stop back this afternoon and we went over the situation. We agreed that the waterlines need to be completely replaced but that decision has to come from Lee. I called Lee and he stopped be and we again looked at the problem. He will call Hector and then take the problem to Merrill for his decision. It was almost 5PM when Elder Shaw and I finished for the day and went home. I was really tired when I got home. Mae had called to see how David was doing. He is doing quite a bit better than the other day. Mae told David that I was still dizzy and that my blood pressure was low. David said that that could cause my problem. He will do some more research on it and get back to us. This evening we called and talked to Shellie but Garrett was still at school. We wanted to wish him a Happy Birthday but did enjoy visiting with Shellie. After dinner I was just tired out so we watched a JAG show and then called and did get to visit with Garrett. He sure sounds good. I wish we could be at his Ward when he gives his report Sunday. After thinking about my blood pressure and dizziness situation I told Mae that if in the testing the medical people should suggest that I have a pace maker installed, that my decision is still the same and that is NO. After showering and shaving I entered today’s journal entry.

Friday, August 20, 2010

Shafter, California

Elder Shaw and I worked all day on the Kimberlina Shop home removing the bathroom flooring to the floor joist, painting, deciding on how much of the water pipes need to be replaced and how to do it and repairing some of the flooring that has been insect damaged. It looks like the damage was caused by termites. When I talked to Lee about it he said that they had to have the home treated for termites about a year ago and they hadn’t seen signs since. Mae called me just before 4PM and wanted me to stop at the plant and purchase some nuts which I said that I would but I then got involved with ending the day and forgot to go to the plant. Mae has been busy all day. She and Sister Shaw went to Bakersfield for supplies for a special management seminar meeting. We will help prepare lunch Monday at noon and dinner Tuesday evening. This evening we watched a Big Valley and a JAG series before going to bed.

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Shafter, California

I didn’t feel very good this morning so didn’t seem to get much done. My blood pressure seems low and my dizziness is worse today. Mae and I each spent some time on the computer today. I mainly just got upset with it. After lunch Mae went with me and we went into Bakersfield. We stopped at a material store and bought some blanket kits that Mae wanted so she can make them for the grandchildren for their birthdays. We then went to Home Depot and bought some materials for the Kimberlina shop home. We had to stop at Lowe’s for a sheet of ½ inch underlayment. I suggested that we stop for something to eat and so we stopped at a KFC for chicken. After getting home we went for a walk so that we could take some pictures of some cotton plants and some black eyed bean plants. We enjoyed walking and visiting together. When we got home I caught up my journal entry. We then watched a movie on DVD before going to bed.

Sunday, August 22, 2010

Shafter, California

I didn’t feel well so slept in until 8AM. We went to church and enjoyed Sacrament meeting. We had two other Sisters help us with the nursery and we really needed it. We were both very tired by the time parents came for their children. I was too dizzy to drive today. After getting home we got some dinner then both of us took a nap. This afternoon Mae worked on the write up about the harvest. I called and visited with David. He is feeling quite a bit better and is walking without crouches now. We played some rummy and then went for a walk. After returning Mae called and visited with Jeff. They have been to a family reunion and had just returned home and are trying to get children to bed and they are beat. Georgia called and visited with Mae. Before going to bed we finished our game of Rook and Mae won.

Monday, August 23, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke about 1AM and Mae was not in bed with me. When I got up Mae was at the computer working on the write-up of the harvest that Lee had taken us out to see. She hadn’t been able to sleep partly because they are spraying the Pistachios again and the sprayers are very noisy. I got her to come back to bed and when I again woke at 5:15AM I shut the door so that the light would not wake Mae. I got myself off to work. I went to the plant and got some tools and the compressor and then went to the Kimberlina shop home. Elder Shaw and I worked on the bathroom flooring, moving the light switch to the opposite side of the door way and then we removed the pocket door and added framing so we can install a standard door. At 11AM we went to the Kimberlina bowery where we started the fire in the grill. Sister Shaw and Sister Browning also met us there, as well as Lee and we worked together setting up tables and putting covering on them, setting out food and grilled hamburgers. At noon we had 40 men that are in a management training seminar come for lunch. They were there for about an hour for lunch and then continued their training program. We were another hour cleaning up before we got back to work. I went over after work to help Elder Shaw get their propane tanks refilled but a gasket was missing from the fill nozzle. They will have to get the tanks filled at a station in Shafter. I came home and showered and shaved. Mae and I met Elder and Sister Shaw in Shafter at the China Cuisine Restaurant where we had dinner. It was Elder Shaw’s Birthday so we celebrated it with them. After eating Ken and Vivian stopped at a station and got propane before coming to our place for desert. We are sure enjoying serving with them. We were tired and ready for bed this evening.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke early but went back to bed and cuddled with Mae. She is sure special. I feel better today than I have for a long time. Elder Shaw and I again worked on the Kimberlina Shop home. We still have quite a lot to do on it yet. We quit, cleaned up and then went to the pavilion. Lee already had the fire going in the grill. Mae and Vivian soon came and we all worked together getting a dinner ready for the management seminar. Tonight there were several that also brought their wife’s and children. We were ready to serve dinner at 6:30PM. It was after 8:30PM when we finished cleaning up and got home. I entered this journal entry and we soon went to bed very tired. Before Mae came over to help with the dinner she had gone to the nursing home and then to the Riverside Elementary and put and application in to help as an assistant. She stipulated that her calling as a missionary had to take preference.

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 4:30AM and realized that I should not have put any sheetrock on the tub area at the Kimberlina Shop home. I couldn’t go back to sleep so got up and got my own breakfast. Mae got up just as I was finishing my breakfast. She made me a lunch and I left for The Home Depot in Delano. I decided to stop at the plant and leave the washer and dryer set that I had in the back of my pickup there. I went on to the Home Depot and bought some sheetrock and underlayment and then returned to the Kimberlina Shop home. Elder Shaw and I worked there all day and finished up about 5PM. Mae had dinner about ready when I got home. I then showered and shaved. We watched another JAG series. I entered this entry and played a game of solitary and a game of Harts before we went to bed.

Thursday, August 26, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae got my breakfast for me. I left a little early and got to work at 7:30AM. We got started on the repairs. At 8:45AM Mae came and got me and we went to the plant where we met with Merrill Dibble in his office. He just wanted to meet with us to see how we are doing. He would like to do this on a monthly schedule when he is available. We just visited for almost an hour. To show his appreciation for the work we are doing and the example we are he gave us a large bag of almonds and a bag of pistachios. For our help with the lunching and dinner for the training meetings Carman had Lee give us some chocolate covered almonds, some chocolate covered prunes and a box of See’s candy. This evening we tried the chocolate almonds and prunes and both were very good. I worked until 5PM this afternoon and came home very tired. Today we received two special E-mails, one from Tonie, Leah and Kenneth Garison and one from President Brimhall. It was so good to hear from Tonie as it has been so long since we have heard anything from or about them. They are in the United Kingdom. Hopefully we can again establish contact with them. President Brimhall let us know that he will be in Bakersfield on September the 18th at the Bakersfield East Stake Center. When I got home Mae had dinner about ready and while we ate we watched a Netflex movie, “Mrs. Miniver” a movie of the families in England during the war with Germany in 1939. It was really a moving story. I filled in this entry and then took a shower before going to bed. I need to just add, “That I sure love my sweet wife!”

Friday, August 27, 2010

Shafter, California

We got up at 5:45AM although I would have preferred to sleep longer. When I first got to work I took the quilting frames that Mae got from the Ward, to Lee’s shop and there did some repairing and strengthening of them. Elder Shaw and I worked the day on the Kimberlina Shop home getting quite a lot accomplished. Sister Shaw stopped at the home and I gave her the quilting frames. She went to our home where she and Mae sewed a quilt. I got home quite tired about 5:30PM. Mae soon had dinner ready and then we watched the show “Rio Bravo” before going to bed.

Saturday, August 28, 2010

Shafter, California

We got up at 6:30AM. I gave Mae a hair cut this morning. We took showers and I prepared breakfast while Mae put her hair up. It was 9:30AM before we got away to Fresno. We arrived at Roy and Linda’s at 11AM and hurried and changed clothes. We attended the Fresno Temple with Roy and Linda. It was a very enjoyable session and I again gained some answers to questions concerning the Temple session. After the Temple we went out to the Home Town Buffet for lunch. After lunch, we went back to Roy and Linda’s. Roy and I got into their hot tub although the water wasn’t really very hot today. It was 6:45PM before we left for home. As we drove this morning Mae read the Church News and as we returned she read from the book “Seven Years in Hanoi”. That really gives you an appreciation for the blessings that we have. After unpacking I caught my journal up to date. We watched a “Big Valley” episode before going to bed at 10:30PM.

Sunday, August 29, 2010

Shafter, California

I would like to have slept in but we were up early to get to church in time. As it was we were there long before choir practice and had time to set the nursery room up. Kim and Lee Brown were the speakers for Sacrament meeting and both did very well on the subject of Tithing. Nursery went very well today. We did have two Spanish sisters help us and Elder and Sister Shaw also helped us. Today we took the children outside for a walk. We have tried using the rope in the room but just wasn’t sure just how well it would work when we took them outside. It worked very well. After the block meeting was over the activity committee held a “linger longer” which was a pot luck lunch. It went quite well and does give Ward members time to be together in an informal gathering. After leaving the Church Mae and I stopped by Manuel Macias’s to make a Home Teaching visit but no one was home. We came home and had some lunch and then took a nap. We watched a DVD on the Life of President Tomas S. Monson “On the Lord’s Errand” that is very good. We called Jeff and David, and visited with each for a few minutes. Georgia called us to let us know that Aunt Beth died yesterday. Her funeral will be held on Saturday. We are sure glad that we were able to visit with her while we were in Utah two weeks ago. It is sure a blessing for her to be able to go. We received a e-mail from Leah Gerritsen. We are sure glad that we have been able to reestablish contact with them.

Monday, August 30, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae got up with me and got my breakfast and lunch ready for me. Elder Shaw and I worked on the Kimberlina Shop home for a while. I was informed that my truck was going to be sold and that I have another brown Ford assigned to me. My truck has 150,000 miles on it and the Ford has 100,000 miles on it. It really doesn’t matter to me. It took a little while to transfer the tools from one to the other. This afternoon we started work on the home that Stacy and Jolynn Shaw had lived in. Mae had dinner ready for me by the time I showered and shaved. She also went Home teaching with me to Brother Manuel Macias. After visiting with him we went shopping for a few items and K-Mart. I filled out this entry while Mae prepared my lunch for tomorrow. We soon went to bed but it was still close to 10PM before we got to bed.

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 4AM and couldn’t get back to sleep without dreaming that the alarm was going off and I would wake back up. Finally it went off and then I didn’t want to get up. Mae got up with me and got my breakfast and lunch. Bob called to visit for a few minutes. He said that the Doctor checked Carroll and said that she does not have Alzheimer’s but does have anxiety and he would like her to see another Doctor but Bob doesn’t think she will. I worked on the Kimberlina Shop home and then went over to the Kimberlina housing where Elder Shaw and I worked all day on demo-ing it. At 4PM Lee wanted me to follow him to a lock smith in Bakersfield to get a new lock put on my tool box. After getting that repaired I stopped at a Sub-Way and got sandwich before going to Mike’s where I checked on what we would need to put an electrical outlet for their dryer. It was 8PM when I got home. After taking a bath and shaving Mae and I split the last half of the sub-way sandwich. I entered this journal entry while Mae prepared my lunch for tomorrow. I am sure tired tonight.