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Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke on the depressed side but after breakfast I went to work. Elder Shaw and I went into Bakersfield to the Home Depot where we purchased over $1100 worth of materials for the home we are working on. It was almost noon when we got back to work. We quite work at 4PM. Mae had dinner ready when I got there. After eating and cleaning up Mae and I went back to Bakersfield. I returned one item and purchased a couple of other items. We then went to Lassens where we bought some bread, butter and almond butter. We made one more stop at T-Mobil to return the charger that came with the loaner phone I used while we were waiting for my new phone to arrive. After getting home we watched one of the series of Big

Valley. I then entered this entry while Mae showered and got ready for bed.

Thursday, September 02, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae got up with me and got my breakfast and lunch ready. As I read my Scriptures this morning I was really impressed with the great blessings that I have been given through my life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the central item of my life and I cannot even imagine what life would be without it nor would I want it any other way. I wish so much that I know how to get my children to feel the same way as I do. Maybe someday! I worked on the Kimberlina home changing the electrical moving switches so that they will be in the proper place for the installing of standard hinged doors. While I was changing the switch location I also added a switch so that the lights and ceiling fans each had their own switch. Elder Shaw spent most of the day working on the Kimberlina Shop Home. We also took time to attend the Plants Monthly Birthday Celebration treat. Mae made a special glutton free brownie for Merrill Dibble, Mae and myself. She made 2 pans ofTexas cake with ice cream for the rest. She also bought me a yogurt. This evening we watched a movie “The Band Wagon” from Netflex. We did some planning to have a movie night tomorrow night with the Shaw’s and the Brown’s. I helped Mae with the monthly report and entered this entry. I still had to shower and did that while Mae got my lunch ready for tomorrow.

Friday, September 03, 2010

Shafter, California

On the way to work this morning I called Lee and told him that I was going to stop at the lumber co. to check on the door that they are charging us for. Lee said that he had an invoice from them with my signature on it. I stopped at his office and I don’t believe the signature is mine but is almost like it. We will think about it to decide what to do. Elder Shaw had some other things to take care of this morning so I worked on the house by myself most of the day. Elder Shaw got over to help me for a couple of hours this afternoon. When I got home Mae told me of her day working as a volunteer at the Shafter Elementary school. This evening we had the Shaw’s and the Brown’s over for dinner and then we set the projector up in the back yard and watched a movie. It has really been an enjoyable evening. We were late getting to bed.

Saturday, September 04, 2010

Shafter, California

We enjoyed sleeping in until almost 8AM. Mae prepared me a nice breakfast and then I went over to Mike’s, at the plant, where I installed a 220v line and outlet for their electric clothes dryer. Everything went well until I went to cut the hole in the washroom wall to install the outlet box. I couldn’t get my stud finder to read properly and when I would try to cut a hole in the wall I would hit wood. This was a puzzle to me until we finally realized that there had been a ½ “of OSB sheeted the wall before the ½ “sheetrock had been added. It took me over three hours to do a 1 ½ hour job. After getting home I made some almond milk and some almond butter. This time I ground the almonds in the hand grinder first. It seemed to work much better. This evening we went out to eat at Sizzler and sure enjoyed the evening being together. After getting home we really didn’t feel like going to bed but realizing that we have Church in the morning we took showers and went to bed about 10 PM.

Sunday, September 05, 2010

Shafter, California

Both Mae and I slept well last night and didn’t get up until 7AM. We enjoyed Sacrament meeting but the children were really hard to handle during the nursery time. Lee and Kim Brown invited us to dinner after church. Also invited to dinner were Elder and Sister Shaw and the full time Elders. Dinner was very good and after eating the Elders sang a Hymn for us and had a prayer before they left for another appointment. The rest of us enjoyed visiting for a while. When we got home we called some of our children, I also called Roy and talked to him for a little while planning for a trip to San Francisco the end of the month and the first of October. I caught up my journal. We talked to Scott, Jeff and Mike. They are all doing well and it was good to visit with them. We got us some fruit and bagels for super. We received a very nice letter from Camille Smith. I finished this entry while Mae prepared my lunch for tomorrow. Time sure goes by fast.

Monday, September 06, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 5:30AM and fond that Mae wasn’t in bed with me. I checked the other bedroom and found her there. There were two notes left for me indicating that she was awake at 12:30AM and still hadn’t gone to sleep by 2:30AM. I quietly got ready, fixed my breakfast and put my lunch into my lunch box. Mae had prepared my lunch before we had gone to bed last night. I stopped on the way to work at the lumber company to find out about an interior door that they have sent us an invoice. I do not believe that we ever purchased an interior door from them. They were closed and I remembered that today is Labor Day and most people have the day off. The plant is working so Elder Shaw and I also worked. We spent the day at the Kimberlina Home #31341. We got the sheetrock hung; electrical outlets installed and started hanging doors. It was almost 5PM when I got home. Mae had dinner ready so we ate and then I showered and cleaned up. We went over to Elder and Sister Shaw’s for Family Home Evening and had a very enjoyable evening. When we got home I entered this entry and we soon went to bed.

Tuesday, September 07, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae was up and got me off to work with a wonderful egg omelet. I stopped at the lumber company and checked on the door that supposedly purchased. I am sure that the signature on the invoice is not mine. They will check on things and let me know. Elder Shaw worked all day on the house finishing sheetrock, cutting down the doors and door jambs and hanging the tub – shower doors. After I left home this morning, Mae attended Stake Seniors Lunching, went shopping with Sister Shaw and bought me some shoe laces for my work boots. I got home before she did and found that the table was set and dinner was about ready for the Elders to come to eat. I helped her finish up dinner as Elder Ray and Elder Day arrived. After eating the Elders sang a Hymn and we had prayer before they left for other appointments. Mae and I watched a Netflex DVD, “The Bad and the Beautiful” before we went to bed.

Wednesday, September 08, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae made hot cakes with lots of fruit on them. Elder Shaw and I worked on the Kimberlina house all day. I took the quilting frames over to the bowery where we set them up for Mae and Sister Shaw. They were supposed to have had several women come and help quilt but it mainly ended up Sister Shaw and Mae doing most of it. I stopped on the way home and picked up a package at the post office. It was my sandals that I had left at Roy and Linda’s last week. I am sure glad to receive them. Mae had a nice dinner about ready when I got home. After dinner we heard workers out in the yard and when I looked out the kitchen window a saw Eric Miller and Ken Richins working on the equipment. I walked out and visited with them. They are getting the new equipment ready to start the harvest of the pistachios in the morning. I came back and had Mae come out with me and we saw who the equipment will work together. This evening Mae and I watched another serious of Big Valley. I then helped Mae do the dinner dishes and entered this journal entry. I then showered and shaved before going to bed.

Thursday, September 09, 2010

Shafter, California

This morning as I was getting ready for work we could hear men and equipment preparing to start the harvest of the pistachios. It was interesting to see all the brown Ford pickups in the equipment yard and as the new equipment left the yard for the orchard all the pickups followed. I would like to have gone with them. I really get excited at seeing the farming in this country. The past three days harvesting of the corn field on the N.W. corner of Lerdo and Cherry has been in process. Seeing the corn combine has renewed the excitement of the day I got the new combine on the Grantsville Stake farm. I couldn’t help thinking of what makes the difference between a boy and a man. The cost of his toys. When Elder Shaw and I started work on the Kimberlina house this morning I opened the back door and was startled with two large dogs growling and barking at me. At first i thought it was the dogs to the East yard but then realized that I had not seen these dogs. I finally took the 16d nail gun and fired it at the dogs. They soon went to the far corner of the yard and shut up. I called Lee and he soon called me back to tell me that the dogs belonged to Stacy and JoLynn Shaw who did live in that house. He now works at the Chico farm and is here to see the new pistachio harvesting equipment. He had brought the dogs with him and left them there for a couple of days. Elder Shaw and i worked all day on the house. It seems like I am very slow at hanging the doors in the house. It has taken me two days to hang 8 doors and I am still not finished. I use to do more than twice that amount of work. I was tired when I came home. After dinner I took a nap. I then showered and we watched “Love’s Unending Legacy” on DVD. All though we have seen it before we still enjoy these good shows. I entered this journal entry and we went to bed. Mae is so good to me and tries to take care of my ever need. She went Visiting Teaching today and then when she came home she cleaned house and got dinner ready. I am so blessed with such a wonderful wife and sweet heart.

Friday, September 10, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae got up and prepared breakfast and got our lunches ready as she also will be at the grade school working as a volunteer most of the day. I worked on the Kimberlina home and Elder Shaw worked on the Kimberlina Shop home. This afternoon Elder Shaw also went to town to get some materials. I went over to the plant to get gas in my pickup about 3PM. Mae also went to the plant to purchase some nuts for Bryce and Irven. We actually got to the plant at the same time. I carried the nuts out to the car for Mae. She shared the last of her health candy bar with me. I went back to the house and put things away and locked up the house. I got home before 5PM. Mae was preparing dinner. I took a shower, shaved and took a shower before we ate dinner. The Shaw’s came at 6:35P and the four of us went to the Stake Center in Bakersfield expecting to attend a “Know Your Religion” fireside but found that it was canceled. We went to Lassen’s and purchased a few groceries that Mae needed. We also bought 4 Yogurt Parfaits and came back to our place and watched the movie “Fireproof”. It is really a beautiful movie and every married couple should watch it. While I wrote this journal entry Mae prepared lunches for the two of us. I am going to work tomorrow and Mae is going to a Stake relief Society activity from 9AM to 3PM tomorrow. It was almost 11:30 PM when we got to bed.

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Shafter, California

We got up shortly after 6AM as Mae is going to Bakersfield with Sister Shaw to a Relief society quilting program and I am going to work on the Kimberlina home. I worked until 3PM and came home. Mae wasn’t home yet so I took a shower and shaved. When Mae got home we went into Bakersfield to the Home Town Buffet for dinner. As we were going to eat we drove through the orchards and saw them harvesting the pistachios so we stopped and watched for a few minutes. We picked up a sack full that had fallen off the harvester. They are good to eat raw. When we got home I could hear water running so investigated. I found that a fitting had come disconnected over at the pump area and so repaired it. When I came in Mae was talking to Sister Hyer so I downloaded some pictures and prepared some nursery pictures for printing. We couldn’t print them as we can’t find the color print cartages. Mae took a shower and I entered my journal entry before we went to bed.

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Shafter, California

This morning we were waken by equipment moving out into the pistachios orchard. I was shocked to say the least. Jae had said that when the pistachios harvest starts it would go continually until it was finished. Somehow I was naive enough that I didn’t think that included Sunday. I called Lee and he said that it is a perishable crop and like a dairy or a hospital that is the way it has to be. So far I can’t buy that concept.

The nursery went well today. We tried something a little different today in as much as we put the carpet mats up and had the children sit on chairs during the lesson. Blake wasn’t there today but we had extra children visiting today. We took the children outside and used the new bobble machine. That was exciting for all the children. We came back inside for treats and ended with play time.

Because of the feelings and concerns I have Fasted until this evening. This afternoon I played two CD of Truman G. Madsen “On Sacred Ground, reflections of Joseph Smith”. Remembering some advice that Bryce gave me some time ago, so I set down this evening a wrote up my feelings.

I still have very uneasy feelings and questions as to what to do. It is now 10PM so I had better go to bed.

Monday, September 13, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke before the alarm went off and tried to let Mae sleep a little longer. She got up shortly after 6AM and got me breakfast and my lunch put together. This morning Elder Shaw and I worked on the main plant cleaning the roof drains and changing the air conditioner filters in the AC units for the main office. We finished just at lunch time so set in the shade of the Shaw’s trailer. We worked the rest of the day on the Kimberlina shop home. this evening Mae and I went out to eat. She is sure great to be with.

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Shafter, California

Both Mae and I got up in time so that we could both go to work at the Kimberlina shop house. Mae, Sister Shaw and Gloria (from the plant) cleaned and swept the house. I repaired some plaster area that the carpet layers broke while removing base board. Elder Shaw put a trim around the base board to finish to the new flooring and then he touched up the painting. I went to Floyd’s in Shafter for some supplies. It was close to noon when I got back. Mae said that she still had a little more cleaning so I went to Sub Way and bought us a sandwich. After lunch Mae and Sister Shaw finished the cleaning and went home. I worked the rest of the day removing broken tile from the back entrance way. It was Spanish slate tile and was really hard to break out. I used a coal chisel and a single jack and it took me over four hours to get it ready for replacement. I had hoped to have been able to get the replacement tile laid before quitting but that didn’t happen. Mae became very busy when she came home, trying to get ready for Bryce, Deanna, Irven and Sandy to come. When I got home and cleaned up, I helped her finish with dinner preparations. Linda called to let us know that Bryce, Deanna, Irven and Sandy had left there. We figured it would be at least 7:30 before they would get here. We watched a “Big Valley” series and still had a few minutes before they came. It was almost 8PM when they arrived but it worked out ok. We enjoyed a very nice dinner and then visited. We took time to walk across the street and pick a few pistachios and show them how the hull removes. Bryce asked me how things were going and that lead to my feelings of the harvesting of the pistachios on Sunday. I maybe was out of line to taking about this now. Most got tired and went to bed but Sandy is still up visiting and it is now 1130 PM. Time to go to bed.

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 6AM and read my scriptures and said my prayers. I called Lee at 6:30AM to get his ok to go to Sequoia National Park. Of course he said to have a safe and fun time. Mae was awake when I came back in. We had a nice breakfast and then we all went in our car and drove to Sequoia National Park. It was a wonderful day and we enjoyed the great Sequoia trees. While we stopped to eat our lunch we were able to see two black bears. They got just about too close to feel comfortable but it was exciting. We were able to see the General Sherman tree which is the largest tree in mass in the world and General Grant tree the largest in diameter. It was after 9PM when we got home. While Mae prepared some dinner we played a game of Knock. After eating we played a game of “Mormon Bridge”. It was after mid-night that we got to bed.

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Shafter, California

With every ones help we prepared egg omelets for breakfast. We were all slow at getting started this morning. We really enjoyed visiting one with the other. I cleaned out my pickup so that we could all ride together in it to tour the farm. Bryce, Irven and I took Bryce’s car to town and got it fueled, washed and brake fluid added so that it is ready for them to leave in the morning. I then took them on a tour of the work we are doing, the plant operation, the shaking of the almonds and the harvesting of the pistachios. We finished up at 6PM and then played games and ate dinner before going to bed. It has really been a wonderful time having the four of them come to visit us. It was late when we got to bed.

Friday, September 17, 2010

Shafter, California

We were up at 5AM so that we could get Bryce, Deanna, Irven and Sandy off for home. They plan on driving straight through to get home. I went to work on the Kimberlina home. Mae went to the grade school where she volunteers one day a week. She missed the care center this week. Elder Shaw came to work with me but he wasn’t feeling well so went home. I worked in the attic until Lee came and got me about 2PM and the two of us worked on cabinets for the house. Lee wants me to stay home tomorrow and not work by myself. After getting home I fell asleep on the bed for a few minutes. After diner Mae and I watched a movie on DVD, “A League of Their Own” but it was only fair. Bob called just to talk for a few minutes. Bryce called to let us know that they had got home ok although it was a long drive. Mae isn’t feeling the best tonight.

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Shafter, California

We didn’t have anywhere that we needed to do so we just relaxed. I did make some almond butter and almond milk. This afternoon we went into Bakersfield and out to eat at Sizzler’s for dinner. We went to the Bakersfield East Stake where we met President and Sister Brimhall. We had almost an hour to just visit with them. They had to quit visiting and spend a few minutes preparing some thoughts for their talks that they have to give this evening. We attended the Saturday Evening session of the Stake Conference and really enjoyed it. President and Sister Brimhall really gave beautiful talks and we enjoyed all of the talks. During Sister Brimhall’s talk she just briefly mentioned that the Browning’s that they served with in the Philippines were here. After the conference ended we had three different ones come up and visit with us. One Sister must be related to me through the Browning line. After a brief good bye to the Brimhall’s we left for home. We stopped for a couple of items at Wal Marts and then came home. When we were home I realized that we didn’t have our camera. We had taken it into the meeting with us do that we could take some pictures with the Brimhall’s. We must have left it on the bench when we left. I worked on the letter to Elder Estes until almost mid-night before we went to bed.

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Shafter, California

The noise of the harvest woke us several times during the night. They are harvesting the pistachios right to the West of our house so we can feel the house shake along with the noise. This harvest has really kept me upset. I just can’t feel that it is right to harvest crops on the Sabbath Day and especially on the Church farm. I called President Russell of the Bakersfield East Stake and told him of our lost camera. He said that he would look for it and call me back. He did call me this evening but didn’t have good news. He said he would continue to watch for it and maybe someone will turn it in. Our block meetings went well today. During the talk by the High Councilman, he told of the need to become Christ like. I particularly picked up on the need for obedience and faith. Although we only had 8 children in nursery today, that two hours seem like forever and we are both completely worn out at the end. We found out after the Block time ended that some of the children were not there because their parents are working the harvest and are working 12 hours a day 7 days a week. When we came home we got something to eat and then took a nap. After getting up I called Jeff and was going to play a game with him but we couldn’t get the internet to work today.

Monday, September 20, 2010

Shafter, California

We went to bed with the harvesters working close to the house. I slept fairly well although I was aware of the harvesting. Mae got up and prepared breakfast and I left for work before 7:30AM. After I left for work Mae was able to get my e-mail sent to Elder Estes. Elder Shaw is feeling quite a bit better and was able to work with me. He worked on the preparation for painting and I worked on the insulation in the attic. This afternoon we went to Home Depot in Delano and purchased some insulation and rented the blower. After unloading the insulation I boxed in the attic access to hold back the insulation when we blow it in. We plan to blow the insulation into the attic early tomorrow. Mae was still home when I got there and we had dinner together. Mae then left to take dinner to Valerie McDonough and then try to visit some of the Sisters on her Visiting Teaching assignment. I watch the movie “Hondo” before she returned. I then took a shower and shaved. We had invited the Shaw’s over this evening but they called and they are taking Elder Kay to Bakersfield in the morning so they felt that it would be too late for them to get home tonight. After Mae came home Elder Kay and Elder Ray came by so Elder Kay could say good bye as he is being transferred tomorrow. Mae and I then watched the last show of the first years JAG series. The problem is that it does not conclude but continues with the start of the second year’s series. I finished this journal entry before going to bed.

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae got me off to work. She sure tries to keep me going but right now I am fighting the feelings of depression as I think about the harvesting of the pistachios. Yesterday Mae sent my e-mail to Elder Estes and then a little later she sent another e-mail to him concerning the transportation of the Full Time Elders. He immediately replied to her second e-mail but has not replied to my concerns. Elder Shaw and Sister Shaw took the Elders this morning so I worked on preparing the doors to be painted. A little before 11AM Lee came over and I went with him along with 4 other brothers and we went to the apartment that Armeta was staying in. She is now gone and they had to have the apartment cleaned out so that it can be turned back over to the manager. I don’t know if she will be returning or not. After getting everything out and the floors vacuumed Lee took all of us to Champs for lunch. I continued to work on doors for the rest of the afternoon. I got home just before 5PM and I beat Mae by 15 minutes. I took a shower and shaved. Mae has been busy preparing dinner for the Missionaries. They were a little late leaving their last appointment, so didn’t get here until almost 7:30PM. The new Elder is Elder Bills from Provo. After dinner Elder Ray and Elder Bills sang a Hymn and we had prayer. They left as they had one more appointment this evening. Mae and I set out side in the cool for a few minutes and then I helped clean up the dishes and we set down and watched a show from “Big Valley” before we went to bed.

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke shortly after 2AM and finally got up. I am very confused about the harvesting on the Sabbath. I can’t talk to Lee about it. When I talk to Elder Shaw he tells me that I need to just let it go and that is the same thing that Mae tells me. I don’t know how to do that. At this point prayer and reading the Book of Mormon hasn’t relieved my feelings. Elder Estes hasn’t acknowledged my e-mail to him. I feel very frustrated and confused as to what to do. When I went to work there was a almond conveyer loading trucks that blocked the roadway so I had to detour thru the orchards to get to the Kimberlina house. Sister Estes called me and said that Elder Estes was out of town and would return my call in a couple of days. Elder Shaw and I blow 53 bags of insulation into the attic. We had originally purchased 38 bags but ran out so I went to the Home Depot in Delano and bought 15 more and it took all of that. I returned the blower to Home Depot and purchased some more painting materials. It was after 5:30PM when I got home. Mae had a very nice dinner ready and while eating we watched the movie “Imitation of Life”. We had seen it before but it was a long time ago and we still enjoyed it. I showered and shaved before entering this entry. We soon went to bed after I finished my journal and Mae prepared my lunch for tomorrow.

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Shafter, California

It was a fairly normal morning. Mae prepared toaster waffles and pancakes with lots of sliced fruit. I was ready to leave for work a little early so I helped Mae do dishes before I left. Mae is such a wonderful wife and sweetheart. Elder Shaw and I worked on the Kimberlina home all day. After work I got two bottles of water, washed my pickup and a grill for the A/C unit at the Kimberlina home before I came home. Mae had a wonderful casserole ready for dinner when I got there. After eating I showered and shaved. Mae and I read a couple of articles in the Ensign and then played a couple of card games.

Friday, September 24, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae prepared breakfast and after eating I helped her do up the dishes. She has the school to attend today. I sprayed the perimeter of the house for cockroaches before I left for work. Elder Shaw and I worked all day on painting the Kimberlina house. Elder Shaw painted door and window trim along with other areas where brush work is needed. I continued to mask in preparation for spraying. At 11:30 Lee came and got elder and Sister Shaw and myself and took us to see the pistachio harvest. All the workers had stopped for lunch so Lee, Kim, Elder Shaw, Sister Shaw and I went to lunch at a restaurant in Shafter. I ordered a salad and it came out on a large dinner platter. It was an enjoyable time to visit. We then went back to the orchard and watched the harvesting. I asked Lee a few questions about the pistachio, such as the comparability in value and prophet difference of pistachios and almonds. He said they are about the same but the pistachios take five years before you can harvest after planting instead of three with the almonds. Elder and Sister Shaw had not seen the harvesting where as Mae and I have seen the harvest since the 4th of September. Elder Shaw and I then went back to work. It was after 4:30PM when we quite for the day and went home. Mae finished up diner preparations while I showered and cleaned up. Mae had washed the car today and she saw that the right rear window was down a little. When she tried to put it up it dropped completely down and wouldn’t close. I will have to look at it tomorrow. We went to a social at the ward this evening. I wasn’t really enthused to go but it turned out ok. After getting home Mae and I watched the movie “Bullet Without a Name” with Audie Murphy staring in it. It was after 11PM when we got to bed.

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke before 5AM and was afraid that I would wake Mae if I went back to bed so I slept in the recliner for a while. We enjoyed the morning to relax. I helped Mae with breakfast and then was going to start working on the car when Sister Birch and her children came. They were to meet some friends here as their friends wanted to see the pistachio harvest. After they left I went to work on the car. I was not able to fix the window so that it would open and close but got it closed and locked closed. I sure have enjoyed being home with Mae but she will be going with Sister Shaw to the Relief Society General Conference. I watched “Rooster Cogburn and the Lady” and played a couple of games on the computer while she was gone. When she got home we entered today’s entries in our journals before going to bed. Mae has started to writing in her journal so that is giving us competition for the computer but I guess we will work it out. I think it is neat that she is starting to make a daily entry.

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 5:45AM so let Mae sleep until the alarm went off at 6:30 AM. We were getting ready for meetings and since today is our Fast Sunday is today we didn’t need to prepare breakfast. After getting my shirt and tie on I realized that I had forgotten to shave so had to start over. Before leaving for church Mae asked if we could go back to the Bakersfield East Stake building to check for our camera. I called one of the Ward Bishops offices in the building to see if the camera had been turned in but no such luck. Meetings went fairly normal. We had as high as 12 children in the nursery today but it went quite well. Mae and I stopped at Brother Manuel Macias home to visit them but no one was home. I left a copy of the “A Proclamation to the World" in Spanish on their door with a note to encourage them to read it. We haven’t been able to do much for this Brother. We stopped at home long enough to get our GPS and then drove to the Bakersfield East Stake Building. There was few still there but we were able to visit with one Bishopric but didn’t have any luck finding our camera.

When we got home we realized that the equipment yard was locked up and all of the farms equipment seemed to be there. Lee had told me that they were about finished with the first pass and now had to check to see if there are enough left nuts to make it worth going back for a second pass. It was good to see the equipment idle on the Sabetha Day for whatever the reason. At 6PM the crews were back and were out in the orchards again. I put the last CD of the “On Sacred Ground” by Truman G. Madsen and watched that. I fell asleep at the end of the program and Mae let me sleep. We visit with David’s family and Sandi by phone. David said that he is still having trouble with his leg. He feels that the Doctor wrapped his leg to tight and it shut the circulation of and damaged the nerves. David is afraid that he may have problems the rest of his life from it. Sandi and Nick are having difficulty over the pup that Nick has. It is sure hard to know that your children are having problems and there isn’t much you can do except pray for them. Mae prepared us some fruit and toast and then I added to the monthly report. I re-watched the last of the Truman Madsen CD that I slept through. It was only a few minutes of it. That has been a very interesting and informative series to play. Mae worked more on the report while I got ready for bed. After going to bed we talked for a while about our children, wondering what we might do to help them. Mae said that David had told her about a book they had read that described the possible way that with the modern tech knowledge this nation could be destroyed. It doesn’t sound very far off from what I am afraid is coming. I just wish David could realize that scriptures has warned us of this for a long time.

Monday, September 27, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke late as I had set the clock wrong. Mae didn’t sleep very well last night so I let her sleep in and got myself off to work. Mae had prepared my lunch and all I had to do was to put it in my lunch box. She is sure a special wife and sweetheart. Elder Shaw and I work all day still preparing for painting. I stopped on the way home and got some cool whip for tonight as we are having Family Home Evening at our place. I showered and shaved and by the time I finished Mae had dinner ready. After dinner I took a nap. We enjoyed having the Shaw’s here this evening. I made this entry and then we went to bed.

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke a little before the alarm went off so I shut it off and set in the recliner. Mae soon woke and realized that I wasn’t in bed so she got up to see where I was. By then it was time to get up anyway. I went to work and Mae and Sister Shaw went to Bakersfield shopping. While there Mae bought us a new camera. Lee came by this morning and gave Elder Shaw and me a hand with the masking. I had already got all the doors washed and ready to paint. After lunch we started painting inside the house and got the master bedroom, a bathroom and the laundry room painted before we quite for the day. Mae got home just before I did so I helped carry things into the house. While she was finishing up dinner I showered and shaved. Mike called us just to talk for a few minutes. It was good to talk to him. The Elders came for dinner this evening and we always enjoy having them. I helped Mae do the dishes and then worked on this entry. We were tired but at 8:30PM we decided to watch one of the “Big Valley” series. I finished this entry and we went to bed.

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Shafter, California

Although I set the alarm for 6AM, I woke at 5AM and couldn’t go back to sleep so stayed up. Mae soon got up and felt that she needed to get started as she is working at the grade school today instead of Friday. She made pancakes for breakfast and they were very good. I helped Mae with the dishes before I left for work. Elder Shaw and I finished the hand painting and then started on the spray painting. It wasn’t long when we realized that we didn’t have enough paint so elder Shaw went to home depot to get another 5 gallons. I continued to paint and was afraid that at the rate of paint usage that we might still be short. I called Home Depot and talked to the Paint Department and told them that Elder Shaw was coming for the 5 gallons of paint but to have him get 10 gallons instead. My thoughts were that if he brought 10 then we were safe and it we didn’t need it now we could use it on the home and duplex. When Elder Shaw got back we finished the inside and then painted the doors. We finished the doors and then had to clean up the paint pump. It was 4:45PM when we finished and went home, both of us were very tired. Mae had dinner about ready when I got home so I just washed up the best I could. My hands we badly covered with paint. We put on a movie to watch while we ate our dinner. It was a different movie but an oldie. I showered and shaved and spent quite a while scrubbing my hands. I made this entry and we read some of the instructions on our new camera before we went to bed.

Thursday, September 30, 2010

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I woke early and slept in the recliner for a while. After breakfast I worked on my financial report and am missing one receipt. Mae and I had an appointment to meet with Merrill Dibble this morning at 9AM. He visited with us for about an hour. Mae came back home and I went to the Kimberlina home. Elder Shaw and I removed all the taping and gathered up all the trash. Elder Shaw left at noon as they are going to San Diego for the weekend. I emptied the trash into the dumpster along with cleaning up some other things. I brought all the doors in side and stood them up to finish drying. I didn’t want them left outside over the weekend. I came home a few minutes after 2PM and on the way home it rained. This is the first rain we have seen since the end of March. After showering and shaving I made some almond butter. Mae had most things packed so we left for Fresno before 4PM. When we got to Fresno I installed a new toilet for Roy and Linda. When I started to fill the water closet we found that it was cracked. Roy will have to take it back for replacement. It was after 10PM when we got to bed.