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Friday, October 01, 2010

San Francisco, California

I got up at 4:30AM and started the day. It was 5:30AM when we got away to San Francisco. I put the GPS on but Linda didn’t trust it and was afraid that it would take us the wrong way. As it was the only mistake was because the GPS said that I should turn one way and Linda told me the opposed way. I followed Linda and the GPS was right. It helped us several times today. Mae and Linda had decided the places that we wanted to see today and we made all of them. First we went to the Golden Gate Bridge, next to Lombard Street to the Worlds Crookest Street and drove down it. We went to Pier 39 on Fisherman’s Wharf where we ate lunch. Mae and I then took a cruise on the bay. As we sailed away from the pier, there were lots of seals lying on floating docks. We went under the Golden Gate Bridge and around Alcatraz Prison. There was a narrative telling all about everything we saw and how it was in the 1800s. It was very interesting and great to see these sights. From here we went to Fisherman’s Wharf and walked around. Linda and Mae were going to walk to Ghirardelli Square and Roy & I were going to pick them up there, but by the time we got there I realized it was way too far for Mae & Linda to walk so I called Mae and told them we would come pick them up. We parked the car and went inside. Linda bought some chocolates, she even bought a dark chocolate bar for Mae. We then went to where we could ride a cable car. Roy didn’t want to ride the cable car and said he would pick us up at the end. We had a hard time finding a place to park so we could find out where Roy would pick us up so we could put it in the GPS and he could follow that to where we would be. We had to wait 45 minutes so Linda stood in line while Mae made arrangements with us. By the time Mae and I got back to Linda, she was pretty stressed as she was ready to board the cable car. We had been longer than she thought we would be. We were worried about Roy finding his way in all that traffic even with the GPS as he wasn’t used to one. He looked pretty worried when we walked away. Both Mae and I offered a silent prayer and it worked out just fine. We had a great time on the cable car and when we called Roy, he was able to meet us. The last place we wanted to go was to China Town. It was dark by now and we were hungry so wanted to eat there. We parked in a parking garage and walked until we found a Chinese restaurant. The food was very good and so was the atmosphere. It was fun to see China Town at night with all the colorful lights and decorations and shops. San Francisco was great to see both day and night. With the help of our GPS, w e drove to our motel in Oakland. It’s been a great day, but we are all very tired.

Saturday, October 02, 2010

Fresno, California

Mae woke about 6AM and I woke at 7:25AM. This way we were able to shower and shave before Roy and Linda got up. We packed up and went up to the office where we checked out and got some of their continental breakfast. The only thing I tried was a little orange juice as everything else contained sugar. Mae had some left over’s from the Chinese dinner we had last night that she heated for me. We went up to the Oakland Temple and enjoyed see that beautiful Temple. We then left for Fresno, stopping for something to eat and another pit stop for restrooms. I missed a turn off as we had turned the volume down on the GPS and we lessoned to an account of “Seven Miracles That Saved America” on CD. We didn’t get to Roy and Linda’s until 2PM and then it took a few minutes to get the TV set so we could receive the Conference so we missed this morning session and half of the afternoon session. I took a nap before the Priesthood session. Roy and I went to Costco and returned the water closet to the toilet they are installing in their bathroom. From there we went to the Stake Center where we watched the Priesthood Session of General Conference. When we got home we ate dinner that Mae prepared and then I finished installing their toilet. I got in their hot tub for about ½ hour. Mae was too tired to join me. I then typed up this entry before going to bed about 10PM.

Sunday, October 03, 2010

Shafter, California

We got up this morning in time for breakfast and then watch the morning General Conference Session. After the morning session ended I took a nap. We did some packing and then ate dinner while we watched the afternoon Conference Session. Conference as normal was wonderful with great and timely advice and direction. After conference we finished packing and drove home. Roy and Linda let us take a set of DVD’s entitled “Seven Miracles That Saved America” by Chris Stewart and Ted Stewart. We have sure enjoyed the first 5 out of 8 chapters. It was 5:30PM when we got home. We unpacked and then I called Bob to see how they are doing. He brought Carroll home for the hospital this morning. They took her completely off the comedian as it was causing her to bleed internally. I also called Rich and Lois and they said the reception went well but the weather was too hot. Mae also called most of the children this evening. I visited a little with Jeff and Scott. We down loaded the pictures that we took this weekend.

Monday, October 04, 2010

Shafter, California

Elder and Sister Shaw didn’t make it back this morning so I worked at the Kimberlina house by myself. I sometimes wonder if I am too particular about my work or not. Today I have been quite depressed wondering if I am doing anything that is eternally worthwhile or not. Mae had dinner ready when I got home so I just washed up and showered later. This evening we read from the Ensign and the Church News and then we watched a Netflix movie “The Americanization of Emily” with James Garner and Julie Andrews. We entered our journals and went to bed.

Tuesday, October 05, 2010

Shafter, California (spotty rain)

I woke at 2AM with an alarm going off. After searching I found that the emergency alert radio had gone off with the alert that a child had been abducted. Later this morning while I was driving I had the radio on and it told of a 4 year old girl that had been abducted in Fresno last night. That is about all I found out. I didn’t sleep very well after being waked up. I went to Home Depot for some supplies first thing and then Elder Shaw and I worked all day on the Kimberlina home. I was tired when I came home this afternoon. Mae had dinner ready so we ate and then I showered and shaved. Mae had gone with some sisters to a lunching in Bakersfield today. We watched a John Wayne movie before going to bed tonight. Mae and I lay awake talking quite late.

Wednesday, October 06, 2010

Shafter, California (rain)

I woke quite early and didn’t really go back to sleep. Mae got up early to help me get off to work. On the way to the plane Lee called me and asked if we could help him put some trim on the cabinets he had installed in the upstairs offices at the plant. We did that first and then went to the home and started installing sheetrock. Lee came and helped us. Most of the time I measured and cut the sheetrock while Lee and Elder Shaw screwed the sheet rock to the joists. Although we ran out of sheetrock screws and I had to go to The Home Depot in Delano for more screws, then the batteries ran out of power and we can’t find the charger nor the extra batteries and Lee purchased the wrong screw driver tips, we still got most of the house ceiling placed. I went home and cleaned up and we went back to the Shaw’s for dinner and FHE. It was a wonderful meal and Sister Shaw gave a beautiful lesson on “Simple Faith”. When we got home I worked on my journal and Mae prepared my lunch for tomorrow. I am sure tired tonight.

Thursday, October 07, 2010

Shafter, California (cool but did not rain)

I slept better but got up at 4:15AM and was afraid that I would wake Mae I got up and tried to sleep in the recliner. Mae got my breakfast and then I went to work. Lee helped Elder Shaw and I sheetrock again today and we got the ceiling complete on one side of the duplex and over half of the ceiling on the other side. It was 5PM when I got home this evening. Mae went to Bakersfield shopping after she helped Sister Shaw with the monthly Birthday party. It was almost 6PM when she got home. I had already showered and shaved. She had stopped at a Sub Way on the way home and got sandwiches for our dinner. We put a DVD on and watched it before going to bed.

Friday, October 08, 2010

Shafter, California

I would have liked to sleep in this morning but Mae has the school to work at today so we had to get going. Lee helped us for a few minutes but then the farm required his attention so he left. Elder Shaw and I finished the ceiling and then sheet rocked the fire walls in both sides of the duplex. We finished at 3:30PM and then cleaned up a little. I was sure tired when I got home. Mae said that her day went good at school today. I showered and shaved before dinner. Mae had prepared a very nice dinner along with getting the car washed and ready for the trip tomorrow. She is sure a blessing to me and I don’t know what I would ever do without her to care for me. We put a movie on and after it was ½ over we got discussed with it and throw it in the trash. We then put on a Big Valley series and watched it. We went to bed by 8:30 PM.

Saturday, October 09, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 2:45AM and couldn’t go back to sleep so got up and tried to sleep in the recliner so that I wouldn’t wake Mae. Mae soon woke anyway and came in and convinced me to come back to bed. I don’t think I really went back to sleep but did rest a little longer. We were up and ready to leave for Wasco at 5:35AM to get the Elders. I helped Mae prepare our breakfast. After getting Elder Ray and Elder Bills and we drove to the Los Angeles Temple getting there at 8AM. Both Elders were escort for Spanish Brother’s that were going through for their first time. We got to see President and Sister Brimhall for just a few minutes when they came into the Temple. We went through the Spanish speaking session and so had the head phones. The headphones helped but it made it harder for me to concentrate especially with not getting very much sleep last night. After the session we ate at the Temple cafeteria. It was 5:30PM when we let the elders off at their apartment. They are sure cute young men. We stopped and ate at the Chinese Restaurant in Shafter to eat and found Elder and Sister Shaw there. They had been to Cub Scout training all day so had stopped to eat at the same restaurant. We enjoyed visiting with them. It was 7:30PM when we got home very tired. I entered my journal entry before we went to bed. Mae is sure special. Good night!

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke early this morning and couldn’t go back to sleep. Mae got up and had me try. We finally cuddled but I’m getting old so that only discouraged me. Mae gave me a hair cut after breakfast and then I took a shower. We attended choir practice before our block meetings. Sacrament meeting went well, after the Sacrament Brother Magana and Brother Allred spoke. Brother Magana’s talk was in Spanish so I didn’t get much out of that but I sure enjoyed Brother Allred’s talk. After the Temple session being in Spanish and Brother Magana’s talk in Spanish I am beginning to get a feeling of the difficulty it is to attend meetings in another language that the one you understand. The nursery went fair today but that is the longest two hours I endure. After meetings Mae and I visited Brother Manuel Macias. We had a nice visit with him. He is struggling with his testimony of the Church. I really feel that he was never ready for baptism into the Church. When we got home we had left over’s for dinner. Mae took a nap but I don’t do well to lay down right after eating. I called and talked to Bob for a few minutes. I then washed the dinner dishes. Mae had some items she wanted backed-up on the computer so I spent some frustrating time trying to get that to work. This evening we went for a walk and went down to the walnut trees. We picked a few walnuts and then walked on up to the canal and back through the pistachio orchard. As we walked it got quite dark and we could hear the coyotes barking at each other and that did make us a little nervous. After getting home we took a shower and washed Mae’s hair.

Monday, October 11, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke a little early and when I went into the bathroom there was a note telling me that Mae hadn’t slept well so I went in and got the alarm clock and shut it off before it went off and would have awaken Mae. I prepared my own breakfast and then roasted some almonds and make almond butter, almond milk and just roasted and salted some almonds for Mae. She is able to eat the roasted nuts better than the raw nuts. Mae had my lunch all made last night so I just had to put it in my lunch case. Shortly before I left for work Mae woke up. I am afraid that I keep her worried and that is one reason that she doesn’t sleep the best. I stopped at Pro-Lumber on the way to work and got the doors ordered for the houses. Elder Shaw and I worked on the Kimberlina homes still putting doors and fixtures back together along with some paint touch up. I stopped at Floyd’s and got some plastic plugs and some screws for the house tomorrow. Mae was busy getting ready for dinner and FHE when I got home. She had baked some cookies for desert, ones her and I could eat as she already had some for the Shaws, as she made a double batch last Friday and gave part of them to the Elders on Saturday. They were very delicious and I had a couple before dinner. I took a shower and then took a nap. Mae had a nice dinner ready and had invited the Shaw’s for dinner and FHE with us. Dinner was wonderful and Mae had a very good message for our FHE lesson on Faith in Jesus Christ. After the lesson we then played a game of “Knock”. After the Shaw’s left I helped Mae with the dishes. I then entered this entry before we went to bed. Mae is sure a special wife and sweetheart!

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Shafter, California

Elder Shaw and I continued to work on the Kimberlina home. I went over to The Home Depot in Delano and exchanged to Bath & Bed knobs for Passage knobs along with a couple other items we needed. I went home from there. After dinner I installed a safety chain on the back door. Mike called this evening and talked to Mae. They are in Park city this week as it is their twentieth wedding anniversary. I took a shower and then we started to watch a movie but the language got bad so we shut it off. I entered this entry and we went to bed.

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae didn’t sleep very well last night so I let her sleep in and I got myself ready for work. Mae had my lunch prepared and so I just got cereal out. Mae woke up in time to eat with me. Lee had Elder Shaw and I help him hang cabinets and install the trim. That took us until lunch time. We then worked on the Kimberlina house until 2PM when we went to Shafter and picked up tables and chairs at Floyd’s for a dinner held at the bowery for all the harvest employees. The dinner was completely catered so with our wives help we set up the tables and chairs and put covering on the tables that we rented. There were between 160 to 170 people in attendance at the dinner. After the dinner we cleaned up the area. It was 6PM when we got home. Mae had been into the Doctors for tests and then had done some shopping before she came to help us. We were tired when we got home so I put on one of the early John Wayne shows and watched it. While watching the show I made up more capsules of our vitamins and minerals. It was about 10PM before we got to bed.

Thursday, October 14, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae woke up early again and that woke me and though we tried to go back to sleep neither of us could go to sleep so we finally got up. Mae prepared French toast for breakfast. While doing so she got her finger in the beater and it hurt but didn’t cut her. Time seemed to go by fast and it was soon time to go to work. Elder Shaw and I first returned the table and chairs to Floyd’s and then worked on the Kimberlina home. Lee had us go with him to look at a problem at the Sherwood storage shed. We made some recommendations and then came back to the Kimberlina home. It was 2PM before we finished and cleaned up. We then worked on the duplex at the plant, hanging sheetrock. Lee told us that the new screw guns should be here tomorrow. He said “that it is cheaper to order complete new screw guns with two batteries and a charger than to just order the batteries and chargers.” It is a crazy world that we live in. Mae has been Visiting Teaching most of the day today. She attended a special R.S. Program this evening. She was home when I got home from work and had me something to eat and then she left. I watched a John Wayne show and “Big Valey” series, while watching them I got some blocks ready for next Sunday’s nursery class on Sunday.

Friday, October 15, 2010

Shafter, California

Lee had Elder Shaw and I help him install upper cabinets in the upstairs of the plant. We then went back to the duplex and worked on the duplex. Just before noon Lee brought us new screw guns so Elder Shaw went to screwing the sheetrock that I cut and placed. We finished the east duplex about 3PM when Lee came and he and Spencer Birch helped us carry in enough sheetrock to do most of the other duplex and also the house. Lee said that there was a possibility of storm Monday and this was we wouldn’t have to carry it in with the rain and mud. I was sure tired when I got home. After eating dinner I took a nap. We watched a movie from Nteflex “Butch Cassidy and the Sun Dance Kid”. Although we have seen it before we sure enjoyed it.

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Shafter, California

We slept in this morning and when we did get up I prepared egg omelets on the grill. Mae asked me to help her with some children’s throw blankets that she is making for our Grandchildren. At 12:30PM we went over to our chapel to help the Shaw’s clean the chapel. On the way home we stopped and got a Sub-Way for lunch. This evening we attended a High Priest dinner that Lee hosted in their back yard. We had a good attendance and very good food. As an activity Lee had each couple tell how they met and decided that we wanted to get married, when we married, how many children we had and etc. It was a good evening and we found it very interesting as to how each couple came together. After getting home I cut Mae’s hair and we showered and went to bed.

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Shafter, California (Rain in the evening)

I woke shortly after mid-night with my feet and legs hurting until I could hardly walk. I took Ibuprofen and went to sleep in the recliner. I finally was able to get to sleep and woke again around 5AM. As I lay in the chair thinking about the pain I realized that my problem came from the chicken that I ate last night. I also realized that it started shortly after we ate as I couldn’t think clearly and went into a depression before we got home. I went back to bed and when I went back to sleep I was woke by a horrible dream. Mae rubbed my feet and legs and let me sleep a little along. We attended choir practice and I quickly realized how little I know about music. Brother Pain asked me if I could take him to pick up a Sister that is in a wheelchair that wants to attend church. When we got there she was in so much pain that she didn’t feel she could go. The Sacrament was being passed by the time we returned. The Bishop had a Deacon return to Brother Pain and I with the Sacrament so we could partake of it. The Primary children put on the program today and they did a super job of that. The nursery did not go very well today. By the time the two hours were up we were beat and ready to go home. Mae heated some leftovers for lunch and after eating we took a nap. Mae called some of our children plus Bob and Carroll. Sandi returned the call as she had gone to Star Valley this weekend. It doesn’t look like she and Nick are getting along any better. Jeff and his family had gone to St. George with Gail’s Mother to visit an Uncle. I called Lanny Wilding and visited with him as to the health of Aunt Welma and Uncle Lee. They are both doing quite well for someone of their age. Uncle Lee is now 91 years old. Lanny and LaRue are doing well. It was good to visit with them. This evening we watched a John Wayne movie before going to bed.

Monday, October 18, 2010

Shafter, California (Rained most of the day)

Mae didn’t get to sleep until after 2AM so I let her sleep in and I prepared my own breakfast and went to work. Elder Shaw and I started sheet rocking the East Duplex. Lee helped us as time permitted him to. His help was appreciated and by the end of the day we had that unit almost completed. Mae had dinner ready when I got home. After eating I showered, shaved and cleaned up. Mae and I then went to Elder and Sister Shaw’s for Family Home Evening. We had a very enjoyable evening getting home about 9:30PM. We entered our journal entries before going to bed.

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke early with my left ear hurting. Mae got me some ear drops and then we rubbed each other’s feet for a while. Elder Shaw and I work on the West Duplex getting finishing touches to the sheet rocking and then moved to the home and started sheet rocking it. Lee helped us as much as he could but he is concerned with the finishing of the harvesting. Because of the weather conditions this year is the latest that the harvest has ever gone since Lee has been involved with this farm. Lee is very concerned because they have several truck loads of almonds still waiting to be picked up but are not dry enough. The weather report is predicting heavy storms and if the almonds lay in the orchard and get heavy rain on them the chances are very great that they will spoil before they can be processed. I got home about 5PM very tired from the work today. This evening we had the full time Elders for dinner. They are two very delightful young men and very dedicated to the work. After they left we watched another in the Big Valley series. We entered our journal entries and soon went to bed.

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Shafter, California

The alarm went off but we lay in bed for another 20 minutes. M left for work about 7:110AM as I went to The Home Depot in Delano for some material. I was back to the home at 8:10AM. Elder Shaw and I worked on the sheet rocking of the house. Lee came this afternoon and helped us. With his help we just about got the house sheet rocked before we quite at 4PM. I was tired when I got home. I showered and shaved before dinner. We watched the first half of the show “How the West Was Won”. I then made almond milk, almond butter and roasted some almonds for Mae. We then did up the dishes and entered our journal entries before going to bed.

Thursday, October 21, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke at 1AM and couldn’t go back to sleep so I got up and set in the recliner. Mae got up to see what she could do. I had already taken some aspirins so she just rubbed my feet for a little while. I went back to bed and slept some. Mae got up early and took the alarm so it wouldn’t wake me. She let me sleep until after 6AM. I had to hurry but got to work just after 8AM. Elder Shaw and I worked all day finishing the sheet rocking. I am concerned as many of the screws are set to deep along with some other problems in the fastening of the sheet rock. I tried to tell Elder Shaw that more care needed to be done. I am afraid that I upset him. I scheduled the inspector to come tomorrow and I am afraid that it will not pass inspection. I know that if I was the inspector I would not pass it. I guess we will just wait and see. Mae came over to the plant to get on the internet but our computer is not working. She ate part of her lunch with me. Scott called me as I was driving home. He asked about winterizing the tent trailers. I told him that if he would let me know the cost I would pay for it. When I came in the house Mae was talking to Gail on the phone. Mae had a nice dinner prepared shortly after I got home. After dinner I helped Mae do the dishes and then I took a shower. We watched the second half of the show “How the West Was Won”. We enjoyed the show. My ear is hurting more this evening so it is a good thing that I’m going into the doctor in the morning. Mae called on the problem we are having with getting on the internet. She took the computer into T Mobile but they couldn’t find the problem. She talked to the technical support but they think we will have to contact Hulet Packard tomorrow. We do have a one year warranty and a three year extended warranty, so we should get it repaired, I hope.

Friday, October 22, 2010

Shafter, California

Mae went with me to the Doctors office this morning. He said that I have an outer ear infection and prescribed an antibiotic in an ear drop so it shouldn’t cause me any side affect. He also gave me a prescription for another problem I am having. He visited with Mae about her bone problems. When we came home I changed clothes and we went to the plant. Elder and Sister Judd were here so we got to visit with them. Elder and Sister Shaw went into a Doctor’s appointment this afternoon. Lee then asked if we would like to go out to eat with them. Of course we did so we all road in Eric’s car as it has six seats. We went out to a Mexican restraint in Shafter. The food was ok but it was especially good to see the Judd’s again. They are tending their grandchildren while there sun and his wife are in Utah with their other children. I worked in the home on the sheetrock nail off when the inspector came. He apologized for being so late getting there but explained that he had been very busy today. He looked at the house and said it looked good, he then asked if the duplex was ready. I hesitantly said yes and he went there. I was surprised that he accepted the house. I didn’t follow him to the duplex but was sure that he wouldn’t accept it. He didn’t come back to say anything to me so I went looking for him. When I couldn’t find him I went to the inspection sign off sheets and they were signed off. I was shocked to say the least. I would not have accepted the job if I had been the inspector. I called Lee and suggested that he did a personal inspection but he seemed irritated with me suggesting that. I guess we will start tapping Monday morning. I quit and came home. Mae was sure special with me as she know that I was upset. I guess that I am just too particular. Mae had spent quite a bit of time trying to get the computer working. We are afraid that we may have to have the computer completely reloaded.

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Shafter, California

We slept in this morning, Mae got up about 8AM but I went back to sleep and didn’t get up until 10AM. After some breakfast we worked on getting our computer backed up. I called Mike and talked to him about it. We don’t have the programs we need loaded with us. This looks like it could be an expense mess. Mae got on the phone with HP technical support and after some time with them they feel like the problem is coming from our firewall. They had Mae call Morton and they decided to delete the firewall and then they took over the computer and worked for several hours on our computer from there end. It took most of the day but it looks like our computer is now working again. I did several small jobs around the house but was mostly bored. This evening we took a walk and went down to the field to the west of us. It was getting dark but we could see that they were still harvesting the black eyed beans so we walked to where we could watch the combine and shuttle wagon. I wished that we could have taken some pictures but it was too dark by then any way. We watched a movie on DVD called Benji. It was quite cute the way it was photographed and the story with it. I filled out my journal before we went to bed.

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Shafter, California

We were later getting up but then we got a call to tell us that we are not having choir practice today. Today in our Sacrament meeting we had the Stake Presidency in attendance. Bishop Spencer Birch and his counselors were released as Bishop Birch and his family is being transferred to Argentina as a manager over four farms owned by the Farmland Reserve. Leland Dale Brown was sustained as Bishop with Roger Allred as First Counselor and George Compo as Second Counselor. The nursery went well but we were still very tired when it was over. After getting home I called Mike to let him know that we were able to get the computer fixed. Mae prepared dinner of waffles and we enjoy then with fruit, yogurt and almond butter over them. After doing the dishes I took a nap while Mae talked to Georgia, Ashley, Kylan, Scott and tried to call Samantha but she didn’t answer. After I woke I started working on my journal and my life history. We stopped for fruit and toast and then I continued. Mae worked on crocheting on a blanket for a granddaughter and talking to Linda on the phone. It really helps her to have ear pieces so she doesn’t have to hold the phone to her ear. We quite at 10PM and got ready for bed. Time really goes by fast.

Monday, October 25, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke early so turned the alarm off and went into the front room so as not to wake Mae. She woke a little later and got up. Mae cooked oat meal cereal for us and it was really good. She was able to find some gluten free oat meal. Elder Shaw and I first sheet rocked the hot water heater closet on the duplex. Although it was quite small it took a while to get it sheet rocked. Lee came over and we discussed the cabinet layout with Sister Shaw. I think that Lee is going to have another person build the cabinets as he will be so busy with his new calling as Bishop. That is just my thoughts at this point. We then got all the tools and supplies to start tapping the sheet rock in the home. I think that we will now concentrate just on the home until we get it ready for the Shaw’s to move in. I hope we can have them before Christmas. As Elder Shaw and I worked together. Because I have stills I did the ceiling and Elder Shaw worked the walls. We quite work about 4PM for the day. I stopped at Floyd’s on the way home and bought two dog collars to use on my stills as when I went to use the stills the leg straps are missing. Mae soon had dinner ready when I got home. After eating I showered and shaved and then studied the Family Home evening lesson for tonight. I fell asleep studding so Mae let me sleep a little while. It was almost 7:30PM when the Shaw’s came. We enjoyed the evening having FHE together. I filled out this entry and then I got ready while Mae made her journal entry. We then went to bed.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Shafter, California

We were slower getting up this morning and then had to put the drops in my ears. I really could have just gone back to bed and forgot work today. Mae had to work at it but she finally got me off to work. When I got to Shafter I realized that I had forgotten my phones, my badge and my wallet. As I was already late I went on to work. Mae had her time at the nursing home and then she brought my items and her lunch and ate lunch with me. She is so special. Elder Shaw and I worked all day tapping the house. I was almost 6 hours on the stills today and when I quit I was tired. We worked late, not quitting until after 4:30PM and then had to clean up. I also stopped at Floyd’s for some sheet rock sand paper. I had to hurry and shower and shave before the missionaries came for dinner. As always, Mae prepared a very nice dinner. Elder Day and Elder Bills were forty minutes late coming for dinner but Mae’s food held well so it was nice to relax for a few minutes. We do enjoy having the Elders for dinner. Tonight before leaving they sang the Hymn “My Savior’s Love” and then Elder Day led us in prayer. I helped Mae with the dishes and then I laid on the couch and Mae put my ear drops in my ear. I fell asleep there and slept for over an hour. Mae listened to the last of some DVD’s entitled “Seven Miracles That Saved America”. I made me some padding that should protect my legs while I am wearing my stills. The dog collars that I bought yesterday worked well but they wore a sore on my legs. Bob had sent us some information about the candidates that are running for elections and the amendments to the Utah State Constitution. She read through much of that and we are still in the dark but did fill out an absentee ballot to send in. It was 10:45PM and I then had Mae rub me with Thera-gesic pain relieving crème, before I went to sleep. As late as it is, I had Mae sleep in the other bedroom so that I wouldn’t wake her when I got up.

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Shafter, California

I slept fairly well but woke at 4:45AM. I got up and read my scriptures and did my exercises before getting me some breakfast. It is cold this morning and the furnace is coming on often. I have a little extra time so I worked on my journal for a few minutes before going to work. I enjoy Elder Shaw but he and I were taught differently as to craftsmanship. I really have to bit my tong as we work together. When I left the house, this morning the temperature registered 40 degrees and when I got to Shafter it was 43 degrees but back to 40 degrees at the plant. Mae called me just after 2PM but I didn’t get the message until 2:30PM. Mike and Becky are driving up to Logan to give David his Mission Call. They will have him call us when he opens it. I came home early and had time to shower and then had Mae put my ear drops in. I got a short nap before he called at 4:50PM. He will be going to Africa Abidjan (The Ivory Coast) Mission, but he is excited about it and will be speaking French. He will enter the mission home on the 23 of February. Mae had a nice dinner for us. We watched the first half of “The Cowboys” and then decided that we had better watch the rest tomorrow evening as it is getting late. Mae had a couple of calls during the show and Mike called us again just to visit about David’s call. He has very mixed emotions from concern for his safety and the fact that all of a sudden his little boy is changing very quickly into a man. How fast the time seems to go!

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Shafter, California

We slept in as we have an appointment with Merrill at 9AM and I don’t want to start work and then get cleaned up for that appointment. Elder Shaw and I continued to tape sheet rock. I was tired when I got home. Mae had dinner about ready when I got there but we called Tyler to wish him a Happy Birthday before we ate. I also talked to Shauna and David for a few minutes. David is upset that I am working so hard at my age, I don’t know, maybe he is right. After dinner, Mae gave me a haircut and then I showered and shaved. I added a story to my history and then Mae and I watched the last half of “The Cowboy’s” before going to bed.

Friday, October 29, 2010

Shafter, California

This morning was fairly normal but I again forgot my wallet, badge and phone. Mae went to the school today to help. Elder Shaw and I continued to tape sheetrock. I decided that we should quite early and call it a day. Elder Shaw was happy to go along with that. I talked to Travis and asked him if I could get another bag of almonds and he had a girl bring me a bag right up. I got water and also filled my truck with gas before coming home. I got home shortly after Mae had gotten home. I made some almond milk, almond butter and ground some almonds for Mae. She made some almond cookies and prepared things for Roy and Linda as they are coming to stay with us this weekend. I took a nap and then when Mae finished with the things she was doing, she also took a nap. Roy and Linda came about 6PM. Mae soon had a nice dinner ready. After dinner we just visited a little about a lot, but it was fun. It was after 11:30PM before we went to bed.

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Shafter, California

Before we got to bed Linda had a question for me and we ended up talking until after 1AM. I think she is crying for help because she doesn’t know how to handle the fact the she has Roy 24/7 and he doesn’t know what to do with his time. I don’t know how to help or what the answers are.

We slept in and then went to Hodel’s for a all you can eat breakfast. After that we went to Leson’s and purchased mainly bread as it is on sale know for $3.90 per loaf and Monday it will be $5.90 per loaf. Mae bought a few other items. We then drove up to Lake Isabella just for the ride and to see what is was like. We had a very enjoyable time and ate a lunch at a park before returning. We went to Wall-Mark for a shirt for Roy and some Thera-Gesic for me. Mae and Linda found a few items they wanted. After leaving Wall-Mark we went to McDonald’s where we bought their fruit smoothies and then came home. We watched the movie “While You Were Sleeping”. It was a cute movie but it did have some language in it. Mae and I then took our showers before going to bed.

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Shafter, California

We got up at 6:30AM so that we were ready for church. We had understood that we would not be singing as the choir today but when we got there we were told differently. As today is the 5th Sunday there was a special adult meeting after Sunday school ended. The YW came in and finished the last hour of nursery so that Mae and I could attend the meeting. It seemed a relief to be away from the children and to mingle with the adults for a little while. Mae cooked a nice dinner when we came home. We visited with Roy and Linda this afternoon. I can’t really understand Roy and Linda’s situation but I am sure glad for what Mae and I have. They left for home shortly after 6PM. We watched two episodes of Big Valley this evening. I tried to call Sandi but didn’t get them home.