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Wednesday, December 01, 2010

Shafter, California

Work went well today and we have the house about finished until the carpet and cabinets are installed. I had to go into Wasco for some parts so while there I went to K-Mart’s and bought Mae a Pont seta for Christmas. I had forgotten to take my lunch with me this morning so Mae brought it to me. She came while I was gone and left just before I returned, so I sent the Pont seta to Mae by Sister Shaw. Mae is having a group of women to the house and Sister Shaw is one of them. After the women left Sister Shaw and Mae went into Bakersfield shopping. Mae didn’t get home until 6PM. When I got home I made almond milk and almond butter. We ate dinner and then I took a shower. We then watched a show on the TV. We watched another Big Valley series before going to bed.

Thursday, December 02, 2010

I didn’t sleep the best last night so was a little slow getting off to work. Mae was up and got my breakfast and lunch ready. She is sure special! Today we worked on the duplex, unit #2, by first going over the nailing of the sheetrock and either setting the screws deeper of replacing many with nails. This afternoon we started taping the sheetrock. I wish I could show Elder Shaw how to tape but I guess I just have to be patient and let him do it the way he wants. I got home about 5PM. Mae soon had dinner ready. I then took a shower and soaked in a hot tub for a few minutes. This evening we watched the movie “In Harm’s Way” with John Wayne. It was almost 3 hours long but a good movie. I did write a thank you note to Brother Neiderhauser for the cabinet plans he drew for me. Bob called us and said that he could get me a TV for about half price. We are thinking about it. Bob also told us that Jamie is getting married the 26th of January. That is very good news. We are late getting to bed tonight.

Friday, December 03, 2010

I woke about 5:30 this morning but let Mae sleep later. Mae went to school this morning to help out there. Elder and Sister Shaw went to Bakersfield for a Doctor appointment but they were told that the Dr. was sick so they were rescheduled. I started taping. I stopped on the way home and bought some dog food for the stray dog that has been here for the past three days. It looks like a female boxer and we guess that someone has just dropped her off. We fed her this evening because we can’t stand to watch her just starve. I will have to call the dog pound tomorrow. Mae cooked a small turkey this evening for dinner. It was sure good. I helped Mae clean up and then I took a shower. We watched another show on DVD of “The Call of the Wild” series before going to bed.

Saturday, December 04, 2010

I woke at 5:30 but went back to bed and cuddled with Mae. She soon got up because several of the women went out to eat breakfast at Hodels. They kidnapped Sister Birch, leaving a baby sitter with the children, and took Sister Birch out for breakfast. The Birch’s will be moving to Argentina this next week, so that Spencer can manage a farm for the Church there. After Mae left I used the inverter table, did my stretch exercises and went back to bed. I didn’t wake back up until 9:30AM. I fed the dog and got me something to eat for breakfast. Mae and I worked on Christmas cards and letters. I wrote an added letter to President Nadado in the Philippines. Mae gave me a haircut; we took showers, got ready, picked up the Shaw’s and went to the company Christmas party. They served a nice dinner and then had some fun games. We didn’t stay for the gift exchange but came on home. I filled out this entry and we went to bed.

Sunday, December 05, 2010 (heavy rain this afternoon)

My stomach felt cramped so I slept most of the night in the recliner. About 3AM I went into bed and slept ok until morning. When we woke this morning the house was cold. We finally checked and found that we are out of natural gas again. I will have to check with Lee when we get to Church to see who we need to call. Our dog is still with us and she is always waiting for some food. I have tried to call the animal shelter but the one in Bakersfield is full and I only got a recording with Shafter. Nursery today was a circus with 17 children part of the time. It went fairly well and the Primary Presidency took 4 of the oldest children into Primary for sharing time, so that helped some. As normal we were tired when it ended. We came home and had a light lunch and then took a nap, cuddled up with quilts over us to keep warm. Mae slept about ½ hour and I slept an hour. We then went to the church house so that we could watch the First Presidency’s Christmas message. That was very enjoyable. Mae had packed a nice dinner and took it with us. After the meeting ended we drove over to the Kimberlina houses and used the vacant unit where we served dinner to the Elders. We went there because we had heat there. We had a very enjoyable evening with the young Elders. Mae and I cleaned up after the elders left. Sister Kim Brown let us borrow a heater that we brought home and with the other heater we got from work it gave us some heat in our house. Lee was unable to get anyone at the gas company to bring us out gas until tomorrow. We will do with the two heaters we have. Mae did call both Jeff and Scott as we traveled this afternoon. It is now late so we will go to bed.

Monday, December 06, 2010

We were late getting up and the house was quite cold but the two heaters made it ok. Mae prepared me hot cereal in the micro-wave for breakfast. I was late getting off to work and then I remembered that I had forgotten to get the key to return to Sister Shaw so I had to turn around and go back to get it. Elder Shaw and I worked on tapping unit 2 of the duplex. We finished the 1st and most of the 2nd coat of mud at 4PM so we quit and went home. The natural gas co. delivered propane to our house and got everything lit for Mae. It is good to have the house warm when I got home. Mae had cooked turkey stew for dinner, it was really good. I showered and shaved after dinner and then took a short nap. Mae and I read two talks from the Conference Ensign and then watched “Christmas Shoes” before going to bed. I entered this entry and we went to bed.

Tuesday, December 07, 2010

Mae prepared egg omelets for breakfast. Elder Shaw and I helped Lee with cabinets today and we got quite a bit done. We had sidewalks poured at the housing project so it was better that we worked other places today and it really helped Lee with the cabinets. Lee really has some neat cabinet equipment that he was able to buy. He bought it from a man that wanted to retire for $25,000 and the farm built him a shed to put it in if he would build cabinets for the farm. Lee plans on using it for income when he retires. Mae called the Shafter Dog Pound and they came out and got the dog. This evening we were going to watch the movie “The High and The Mighty” but the DVD is cracked and it wouldn’t play. That is the second movie we have received that has been broken in less than thirty days. I played a game of chess with the computer and with two “undo’s” I won the game. We talked to Mike by phone this evening and enjoyed that. Mae also called Shellie and visited with her a few minutes. It’s getting late so we had better get to bed.

Wednesday, December 08, 2010

I woke early and used the bathroom then crawled back into bed for a few minutes before the alarm went off. Mae hadn’t slept very well last night so I let her sleep and I got my own breakfast and put my lunch together that Mae had made for me last night. Mae woke just as I was about to leave for work. Elder Shaw and I put another coat of mud on the sheetrock. I really wish that Elder Shaw knew what he was doing. I am not sure just how much work it will be to correct the work he did today. Besides being very tired when I went home I was also upset at the craftsmanship of Elder Shaw’s tapping. Mae had dinner about ready when I got home. After eating I shaved and changed clothes. Mae went with me Home Teaching to Brother Manuel Macias. We visited and invited them to the Ward Christmas Party. I will really be surprised if they go but we at least invited them. On the way home we stopped at the store and bought some distilled water for my C-PAP. Mae worked on Christmas treats while I played a game of Chess on the computer. I won the game but it was close. I went to bed quite tired and somewhat discouraged.

Thursday, December 09, 2010

I didn’t sleep the best last night and woke still very depressed and hurting in many areas. Mae’s comment yesterday had some affect but the thing that is upsetting is the concerns as to how the work is progressing. I do not want to be upset with Elder Shaw but he and I differs in our opinions as to how things should be done. I also need to visit with Lee as to what he wants in craftsmanship. I really didn’t feel like going to work today but couldn’t feel right about staying home. I know that my emotional feelings are also causing some of my physical problems. I finally took two aspirins and left the house. I was a little late getting to work today. Elder Shaw wanted to start texturing the walls and ceiling but I suggested that we sand the tapping. We worked on the front room and kitchen area and then Elder Shaw moved into the bedroom. I started putting a third coat of mud on where we had sanded. After Elder Shaw sanded the bedroom he went to the west duplex and started taping there. We quite at 4PM and I came home. Mae was gone Visiting Teaching when I got home so I showered and heated me some dinner. I then put the DVD of “Miracle on 34th Street” on to watch. Mae came home for a few minutes and then she went to a progressive dinner with some of the Relief Society sisters. After watching the show I worked on the computer for a while and then played a chess game. I lost this game. Mae got home shortly after 9PM. She made lunches for us for tomorrow. We found the paper work on the pickup and I will check with Dee tomorrow and see how we can best get the truck registered so that Scott and Jeff can bring it down to us in January. It is late so we had better get to bed.

Friday, December 10, 2010

I woke and got up at 5:45AM. Mae got up when the alarm went off at 6AM. She prepared breakfast and we were both off - me to work and Mae went to the elementary school to help there. Elder Shaw and I continued with the sheetrock taping. This evening we attended the Ward Christmas party. They served a nice dinner and had a short program with Santa clause coming. It was a nice evening. We decided to watch “Miracle on 34th Street” again as Mae didn’t get to see it last night. I didn’t make it to the end but fell asleep before the end.

Saturday, December 11, 2010

I woke at 3:30AM and was hurting from pain in my joints. I took some ibuprofen and laid in the recliner where I slept until 7 when Mae came in to check on me. We went back to bed and slept together until Mae got up about 9AM. I got up shortly after that. We had a nice breakfast of omelets and waffles. I called Bob to see if he got the pickup licenced and inspected. He had fallen to sleep and didn’t wake up in time to get there yesterday. I asked if he had received a package from us and he said that it was stuck in the mail box and he needed gloves on to get it out. Mae worked on nursery preparations for tomorrow. I helped her some. I also filled come capsules with Ambertose. We went into Bakersfield for some nursery items, to eat out at The Home Town restraint and to get a couple of items from Lassen’s. At Lassen’s they had the bread on sale for more than ½ off. We bought 9 loafs. I was sure tired when we got home but it has sure been enjoyable being with Mae today.

Sunday, December 12, 2010

We got up at 6AM to prepare for today. We left at 7:30AM for Church arriving there at 8AM. We took a few minutes and got our nursery room ready for today. We then went into the chapel and joined our Ward choir for practice in preparing for our Christmas performance for next Sunday. Bishop and Sister Birch spoke in Sacrament meeting and we enjoyed the Spirit they left with us. In nursery we had 16 children again and it was another wild experience. When we got home we got something to eat and then took a nap. Mae slept about 40 minutes and I slept 2 hours. We worked for 3 ½ hours on getting nursery children pictures printed so that Mae could make Christmas ornaments for each child to give to their parents. While I wrote this entry Mae read short stories from the Ensign. We soon went to bed.

Monday, December 13, 2010

I woke at 3AM and wasn’t able to go back to sleep. I set in the recliner until Mae woke with the alarm. She tried to get me to go back to bed and I did for a few minutes but then got up. I got to work just after 8AM. Elder Shaw and I continued to prefer-tape unit 3. At 10AM we took a break. Lee came and asked us if we would like to see the planting of the almond trees. It was very interesting. Lee also showed us an experiment that they are trying in the shaping of the trees. I asked Lee about the number of almond trees there are in an acre and he told me that 105 and 128 pistachio trees. When we returned Elder Shaw and I continued with our work. We completed the first coat of tape and most of the second coat before quitting work for the day. The Full Time Missionaries are scheduled for transfers tomorrow. Elder and Sister were planning on taking them to the Mission Home in Ventura but then she asked me if we would like to take them. I checked with Mae and she said that she would like to. So plans changed and we will take them there. When I got home I checked the car for gas and found it low, so I took it to the service station and filled it. After eating dinner I took a shower. We then watched two series of “Big Valley”. We then went to bed as we will have to get up at 4AM in order to pick the Elders up at 6AM to make the transfers on time.

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mae didn’t sleep the best but we still got up at 4AM and made it to the Elders apartment just before 6AM. We met the Elders from Delano at the Chevron Station on Hwy. 46 and the freeway where Elder Garff went back to Delano and Elder Nicholas went with us to Ventura where transfers took place. We got to Ventura at 8:30AM and Elder Bills had a meeting at 9AM. We visited with a Brother Moyes, from Bakersfield that told us as story that is recorded in the book, Especialy for Mormons, of a little girl that lived in the Mormon Settlement in Mexico in the early 1900. The area was experiencing a terriable drought. brought her umbrella That gave us time to go downtown to a McDonalds for a Egg Mcmuffin and a Wild Berry Smoothy. We got back in time to be just a little early for the main transfer meeting. It was good to remember the transfer meetings in the Philippines. After the meeting and the transfer of luggage from Elder Nicholas’s for Elder Manning’s (a brand new Elder) we went to a Sub Way and got something to eat. We stopped at a fruit stand and bought a few items and then headed home. We arrived at the Elder’s apartment about 3:30PM having traveled 336 miles. Mae and I stopped at the new orchard that they started planting yesterday and they are almost finished with it now. We then stopped at the plant to get gas but I had forgotten to get the gas card. I had also forgotten to put my wallet in my pocket so it was a good thing that Mae had her purse. We had Elder Bills and Elder Manning for dinner at 5PM, although they were 20 minutes late. Mae had a nice dinner for them and after they left us some thoughts from the Scriptures before leaving. We watched the rest of the show, “The High and The Mighty”, which we started last week and found that the DVD had a break in it. Jay and Ilene Payne and their children stopped by to give us a Christmas Gift from Andrew. It was a card that Andrew colored and a CD of the Spirit of the Season by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra with Sissel. It was special of them. After they left we watched the end of the show. Mae fell asleep in the recliner so I finished this entry and went to bed. It has been a long day.

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Shafter, California light rain 50 deg.

Mae didn’t sleep very well so I let her sleep in and I got my own breakfast. Mae had made my lunch last night so I just had to put it together. Mae woke just before I left for work. Elder Shaw, Lee and I installed cabinets today. We had some electrical that we had to modify. At noon Mae came over and ate lunch with me and I filled her car with gas as the Farm paid for the gas to take the Missionaries to Ventura for transfers. Ryan Slade brought out a Christmas Present to Mae and I from the Processing Plant. The package contained a variety of almonds packages. After Mae left she went into Shafter and got a permanent from Veronica. She got home just before I did this afternoon. She had dinner about ready so we are and then I took a shower and shaved. I helped Mae get some pictures printed off for sending with Christmas Cards. I started this entry and then played the computer a game of chess. I won the computer in the game. I them read an article in the Ensign given by Elder Kevin R. Duncan that gave very good advice. I finished up this entry and we went to bed.

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Shafter, California foggy and cold

We were able to sleep in a little longer as we have an appointment to meet with Merrill Dibble at 9AM today. It was very foggy so Mae followed me and we didn’t drive very fast. We only met with Merrill for a few minutes as just after we entered his office he got a call on the phone and a couple of men were there to meet with him. He did express appreciation for all we have done and he gave us a camping blanket as a Christmas gift. Elder Shaw and I trimmed the cabinets and then started to hang the micro-wave oven. Lee called me and asked if I could go out to the Wasco farm and check the power to the house. Most of the house is without electricity. As I started to leave the plant Lee drove in and asked if I could also go to the Sherwood homes and let Artesano Granite and Tile co. into the houses there so they could give Lee a bid on some tile work there. I found that three double breakers were broken so I took one of them with me. After I met the tile co. I went to Home Depot in Drano and bought the breakers. I got most of the outlets and lights working except for a ground fault circuit and I will have to talk to Don about that circuit tomorrow. The man from the Tile co. gave me a Christmas sack of pistachio’s for my time. I got home about 4:30PM and Mae had just beat me by a few minutes as she had gone to Slate’s and helped them prepare to move on Saturday. The Temple Apartment’s called and told Mae that they had a cancelation for a room so we said that we would take it. After dinner I helped Mae with the dishes and then I took a short nap. We decided to watch a show on DVD and chose “Ice Castle” but with in the first few minutes we shut it off because of the language. We put on “We are Marshall” and with very little bad language enjoyed the story, a true story. We soon went to bed as it was almost 10PM.

Friday, December 17, 2010

Shafter, California (rained)

Soon after getting to work I visited with Don, the electrician, about the breakers at the Wasco farm house. He had his son follow me out and we found and repaired the problem I was having with the GFI circuit. I helped Elder Shaw for a few minutes on the home. At 11:30AM we went to the plant office for a dinner in appreciation to Spencer Birch and his family. They will be leaving this afternoon for a little time with some of their family in Idaho and then to Argentina for a four year assignment to manage four Church farms there. I quit for the day and came home with Mae. She and Sister Shaw had been over to Sister Slade’s helping them to pack to move. When Mae and I got home it didn’t take us very long before we were packed and left for Los Angeles. It has rained all day and when we got over the Grape Vine the rain increased and the fog also came in.

Saturday, December 18, 2010

Los Angeles, California (Rained)

We didn’t get up in time to get to the Temple for the 9:30AM Temple Endowment session. We got our things into our car and checked out. We drove around trying to find a parking space closer to the Temple but finally had to walk a block in the rain. In as much as we missed the Endowment session we did initiatory ordinances. We met President Brimhall in his office and visited for a few minutes and then he invited us to go with him to the Baptismal Fount area. He showed us the pumping system and then had us look through a doorway at the oxen. They are very impressive and massive looking when you look right straight into their face from just a few feet away from them. President Brimhall then took us to a Sealing room that was President McKay’s bedroom when he would come to the L.A. Temple. He also explained that there was another Sealing room the same size directly above that one that was President McKay’s office when he was there. We then went to the upper room in the Temple which is the Priesthood room. It is a little larger than a football field. It only gets used once a year for a special devotional meeting. On the west end of the room is the stands for the Aaronic Priesthood Quorums and to the east end is the stands for the Melchizedek Priesthood Quorums. East of the Priesthood room we entered the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles room and that is the only use of this room so it is not very often that this room gets used. On the way back to President Brimhall’s office I asked how the L.A. Temple compared to the S.L. Temple in size. He said that the L.A. Temple was the largest until the Annex was added to the S.L. Temple. Sister Brimhall was not there as she wasn’t feeling well. President Brimhall said she is just over exerting her shelf. We were visiting with President Brimhall for two wonderful hours, what a privilege it was for us. After we left the Temple we stopped at a Denny’s for dinner. With the rain the roads were some what slippery and foggy so we drove with caution. We also lessoned to the third book of the “Brothers”. When we got to Bakersfield we stopped to get a few items at a drug store. While we were there Grenn Clark called. They got our Christmas card and haven’t received an of Mae’s e-mails except the first one. It was good to visit with them. After getting home my back was hurting quite bad so I did some stretch exercises and then lay in the Chee machine. I fell asleep for 15 or 20 minutes. We watched the “White Christmas” on DVD and really enjoyed that movie. It was 10 PM when I finished this entry so we went to bed.

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Shafter, California (rain all day)

We got up at 5:30AM in order to be at the church before 8AM. It gave us enough time to set up our class room and get into choir practice by 8AM. The choir put on the program today in Sacrament meeting. It went well. We only had a few children in the nursery today and it was very peaceful. We brought a young man and a young sister to Shafter with us. They are both investigators and attended meetings today. After getting home I played the computer a game of chess and I took the black board. the computer won the game but it was close. We visited with some of our children by phone this afternoon. Bishop Lee and Sister Kim Brown stopped by with a gift and a short visit. They are sure great people. We watched the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” on DVD this evening. That made us late going to bed and then we had a warning that our Norton Anti Virus is expiring so we tried to get it renewed and that made us much later getting to bed.

Monday, December 20, 2010

(Rained all day)

I got up and let Mae sleep in. She didn’t sleep very long and then got up and got breakfast ready and me off to work. I later found out that Mae had gone over to the Slate’s where she and Sister Shaw helped Bonnie clean the house they are moving out of. Elder Shaw and I continued mudding the west unit. Mae had dinner ready when I got home. After dinner I took a nap and then shaved and showered. I restored our Christmas card list from the external hard drive because we have lost part of the addresses somehow. I read the cards we received today and then typed this entry. We had a little extra time so I played a game of Solitary and Mae played a game. Then a message came up telling us that we needed to renew our Norton Firewall protection and that took us some time. We were now very late getting to bed.

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Shafter, California (foggy and some rain)

I woke with the alarm but Mae had been up during the night and was asleep in the other bedroom. I let her sleep and got myself ready for work. Mae woke before I left and stayed up as she is going to the nursing home today. Elder Shaw and I continued with the finishing of sheetrock. I also patched a hole in the tool trailer. I had started making almond milk and almond butter so after showering and shaving I finished that job while Mae finished dinner. I laid on the Chee machine and fell asleep for a little while. This evening we went over to the Shaw’s for Family Home Evening. We had a very enjoyable evening. When we got home I started on my journal but the computer would not let me make changes to my journal entries and it took a little while before we got that problem corrected. It’s now 10 PM so we had better get to bed.

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

(Fog this morning and Light rain during the day)

Both Mae and I woke during the night and slept most of the night in the recliners. It is a good thing that we have two of them. I let Mae sleep in and got myself ready for work. Mae had prepared my lunch last evening. Mae got up shortly before I left for work. Elder Shaw and I continued the mudding of the sheetrock. Just before noon Elder and Sister Shaw left for L.A. They plan on staying at the Temple apartments tonight and going on to San Diego tomorrow and will spend Christmas with their Son and family. I finished the texturing in the east duplex before quitting work this afternoon. When I got home Mae had dinner about ready. The missionaries are coming for dinner. I took a shower and shaved and then laid on the Chee machine. We enjoyed having Elder Bills and Elder Manning come this evening. After they left we started to watch a Christmas movie but it became disgusting right at the start so we shut it off. The Shaw’s loaned us a Holiday Triple consisting of “The Christmas Shoes, The Christmas Blessing and The Christmas Hope”. We have already seen “The Christmas Shoes” so we watch “The Christmas Blessing” and really enjoyed it. When I went to get up to enter my journal entry I got a cramp in my right leg that really tightened up and had me rolling on the floor in pain. Mae got me a hot bath towel and that relieved the cramp enough to let me get in a hot shower and rum the hot water over my leg. I wrote this entry and we soon went to bed.

Thursday, December 23, 2010

The weather is a little better today. Mae isn’t feeling the best so I had her sleep in but that only lasted 5 minutes and she was up getting waffles for breakfast. She did go back to bed after I left and slept for a couple of hours. I worked on the duplex and got the ceiling textured in the west unit. I stopped at 10:30 for a break and found that all the office and processing plant employs had today off. I cleaned up and took off also. I stopped at the store and got some groceries that Mae wanted. It was nice to be home and relax the rest of the day. We made some of the cookies that Sister Shaw made but they still don’t turn out the same as hers. Mae tried to stay down so she will feel well for the Holidays but staying down is hard for her. This evening we watch the movie “Christmas Hope” and enjoyed that as much as the other two shows. We got on the inter-net and ordered those three movies on-line. Even though the DVD’s won’t arrive until after the Holidays, they are movies that we would like to over again.

Friday, December 24, 2010

Fresno, California

The weather is fairly good today. We didn’t sleep in very long this morning as we wanted to get on our way to Roy and Linda’s. We packed the car and left about 9AM. We arrived at Roy and Linda’s at 11:10AM. Shortly after we got there, Linda and Mae went shopping at the mall. After taking Mae and Linda to the mall, Roy and I came back to the house and I fell asleep in the couch. Mae called me when they were ready for us to pick them up. After picking them up I had Roy stop at a McDonald’s and I bought us some Wild Berry Smoothies. We were going to watch a movie but their TV wouldn’t work. Mae and I went hot tubing for a little while and that really felt good. Roy and Linda then took us to Candle Light Blvd. where they have a mile long area that about ½ of the homes are decorated for Christmas. Roy parked the car and we walked down one side of the street and back the other side. It was a very enjoyable evening getting home late and tired. Mae and I soon went to bed. Roy was up longer and Linda fell-a-sleep and didn’t wake until almost 5AM.

Saturday, December 25, 2010

Fresno, California (heavy rain this evening)

Mae and I woke fairly early but Roy and Linda were still sleeping soundly. Mae suggested that we go Hot-Tubing again and I was all in favor of that. After getting out of the hot tub we showered and then went back to bed. It was after 9AM before Roy and Linda got up. We ate some breakfast and then opened Presents. It was a very enjoyable morning as gifts were exchanged and opened. At noon we went over to Phil and Julie Ann’s for Christmas Dinner. We went back to Roy and Linda’s after dinner and visited for a while. Linda wanted us to watch a show with them but the TV isn’t working right and they couldn’t get it to work. We left for home at 5PM. We stopped at Denny’s for dinner when we got just about home. As we went into the dinner it just started to sprinkle but by the time we ate it was pouring very hard. It is nice to get home. we weren’t very long before we went to bed.

Sunday, December 26, 2010

Shafter, California

I woke early and after using the bathroom I went back to bed just before the alarm went off. Mae got up but I slept for another ½ hour before I got up. We attended choir practice but there wasn’t many there. Meetings were lightly attended also today. The nursery was pretty nice today as we only had 6 children today. We got some lunch after we got home and then I took a nap. Mae started preparing dinner for the Elders this evening. We will have all four Elder’s tonight. I had started a chess game the other day so I finished it after waking for my nap. I won the game. I went to Wasco and picked up Elder Ray and Elder Islas for the dinner appointment. Mae had a very nice dinner and the Elders sure enjoyed it. When I returned from taking the Elders back to Wasco I helped Mae wash the dishes. I played a game of Solitary and then filled out this entry. I played another game of solitary and won and then played a game of chess and lost. We then went to bed.

Monday, December 27, 2010

I woke early but because I am going into the chiropractor this morning I went back to bed for a while. I got a good treatment and then went to K-Mart where I found a Birthday card for Mae. At work I continued to texture the ceiling and walls. I left early so that I could go into Bakersfield for some supplies and to return some clothes that Mae had ordered from Penny’s. I tried to fill the pickup with gas but the pump wouldn’t work. I stopped at Apple Market and bought Mae some flowers for her Birthday. When we got to Penny’s Mae tried on several other dresses and we got two of them. We then went to Home Depot where I got the supplies. I hope I got everything that I had on my list because when we got to Home Depot I couldn’t find the list. It was 8:30PM when we got home. It is sure fun being with Mae. This morning at the Chiropractor’s office, Carol Hamilton, the chiropractor, said that they really enjoyed Mae’s delightful personality. She asked if she was that pleasant at home and when I said she was, she told me to hang on to her for you don’t find one like that very often. I had to agree. While at Home Depot Mae bought an artificial Christmas tree that is already decorated. We got home a little after 8PM and decided that we might watch one of the JAG series from the new set of 3rd and 4th season series. It is now 10PM so we had better get to bed. After Mae went to sleep I got up and fixed the flowers for her birthday.

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

We didn’t get up until 6AM and then we went out to eat breakfast at Hodel’s. I sure enjoy being with Mae. After we got back home I went to work and Mae went to the nursing home. When Mae finished at the nursing home she went into Bakersfield and got her dresses that we had picked out last night. She also talked to most of the children who called her to wish her a Happy Birthday. Mae went shopping at Winco before coming home. I got home first and took a shower and soaked in a hot tub. We had chicken and left over’s for dinner. We tried to watch a DVD but it were kind of stupid. We did watch “Baptists at our Barbecue” and it was also dumb. I played a couple of games of Solitary and won them. It is now time to go to bed. Good night!

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

(Heavy rain during the night)

I woke about 4AM but went back to bed. I didn’t feel like getting up when the alarm went off. Mae pushed the getting up and for some reason it along with the dumb movie we watched last night set me in a depressed mood that has lasted most of the day. I don’t understand why something like that can set the mood for a day but it happens to me often. I sanded the walls in the east unit, patched a hole in the wall, installed the two window seals and made a list of materials that I need to buy tomorrow. Lee helped me load and bring the window seals over from the Kimberlina homes where we have had them stored. I left work shortly after 3:30PM so that I could be ready for dinner when Elder Bill’s and Elder Manning came at 5PM. Mae had a nice dinner and after the Elder’s left I helped her do the dishes. I filled out part of this entry and prepared to start a new year of journals. Mae and I read another talk from the Ensign and then tried to find a DVD to watch. We tried the western stories and didn’t like that so we put on another “Big Valley” and enjoyed that. The choice of movies that are out now days is very pitiful and sorry.

Thursday, December 30, 2010

Shafter, California (Sunny but cold, high of 45)

I woke and got up at 12:15AM and slept the rest of the night in the recliner. Mae woke me when the alarm went off at 5:30AM. I debated on whether or not I should wear my thermos or not. I am glad that I lost that debate because it was cold all day. Elder and Sister Shaw got home just as I got to work. The furnace in their trailer quit working, so they have no heat. I had them put the space heater in the trailer but I am not sure that it will heat it to a comfort zone. I worked on the house all day. After Elder Shaw and I tried to get the furnace to work, I suggested that he take the thermostat with him while he went to Bakersfield for parts. He could stop by a RV shore and see if they could check out the thermostat. He did and they can’t replace it until at least next Tuesday. After dinner this evening, I took a shower and then we watched the movie (Charlie) and really enjoyed it. I filled out this entry before going to bed.

Mae but this note in my lunch box today. Isn’t she special?

Dear Ken,

“I love you a bushel and a peck, a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. Hug around the neck and a barrel and a heap, barrel and a heap and I’m talking in my sleep – about you, about you, cause I love you a barrel and a peck, you bet your pretty neck I do.”

I was thinking about you and this song came into my mind, so I decided to type it for you and put in your lunch box for tomorrow.

I sure do LOVE YOU. Thank you so much for my wonderful Christmas & Birthday – electric throw, skirt, suits, flowers & card for gifts and out for breakfast and all the love. You are so special and I appreciate all the things you do for me – making the bed each morning and helping with dishes when I have lots, taking me out to eat and showing love in so many ways. I love the hugs, kisses and being close to you. You are my best friend and my sweetheart and I want you forever.

Mae XOXOXO

Friday, December 31, 2010

The plant is closed for the New Year Holiday so I didn’t go to work today. We slept in getting up about 7:30AM. Mae has been doing some research on the T-Zone Vibration machine and we decided to buy it. While she was doing that and getting dressed I made egg omelets and freezer waffles for breakfast. After breakfast we went to Apple Market and e0mailed the information to John Price in Gilbert Arizona. We then drove to the plant where we got the plumbing parts that Elder Shaw bought yesterday. It was interesting that he bought the model of toilet tank plug that he bought because that is the one I told him that we didn’t want. We did some shopping at Lassens and Costco before we went to Lowes and exchanged the parts. We then stopped at Winco and bought some groceries, most of which are for the plants monthly birthday treat. We ate lunch while we were at Costco’s. After returning home I took a nap.