

March 17,2019

St. Patricks Day!

The top of the morning to you dear Ones out there! Since my name is Pat thought I'd write to you ....on this my day! I am a saint and my name is Pat;(0) God used the old St. Patrick in his day and age! and God has promised to use us even with grey hair! What a promise!

Well...to catch you up on things...Our roof is now finished and Paul is so thankful for all the help he got in the big job! Larry our son was a life-saver but not sure if we saved his life! He said he grew real old doing that job!!! Then the roof was really tested as we had lots of rain and high winds...and we are still here and no leaks! Praise the Lord!

The weather hasn't helped with all of our aches and pains: (But we are surviving! This growing old certainly isn't for sissies... Have I said that before? We are glad for meds that do help that is for sure! We talk with our Son Luke often and his family has been hit with this awful flu. Two of his sons have been really ill and so Luke has his hands full with his sick wife and now his two sons. We'd ask for prayer for him and the family please! Larry and Kim are suffering from hurting backs and Lisa has been ill and still coughing after weeks of battling this flu! Then she had a procedure done and is hoping she gets some answers... Add her to the list as well please!?!

Actually things have been running pretty well, tho we have had two funerals at our church... Then just the other day tho on another subject... I was sitting by the wash machine and noticed it wasn't spinning like normal and then saw the floor was full of water!!!! So I saw first hand how a person siphons! Paul worked hard in doing just that to get the water out of the machine and then the water underneath it: ( He has ordered a new hose(how long will that take?) and another thing is getting worn but he won't deal with that now he will wait for the new hose to come and our dirty clothes continue to pile up! This will be the third time Paul has worked on our machine and got it to working so it is getting old (15 yrs.) like us:)

As we hear about the floods in NE. where we once lived, fires in CA. snow out east and where our son lives, Paul and I realize just how blest we are for living out here in the desert! We did have a variety of weather this year tho...cold and snow in January and and it was so beautiful! We haven't seen snow like this in years! It filled our mountains so beautifully! I loved the scenes around us! Then March came in like a lion and lots of wind... Hopefully April

will bring just the right amount of rain to help our plants to grow:) Our weeds have already arrived and Paul had to mow them down already and its only March!

\*\*We continue to stand in awe as we see how you continue to support us each month! Our hearts are full of praise and thanks to our Heavenly Father for laying it upon your hearts to help us in this way! Yep we are an old blest couple and we just wanted to let you know how grateful we are for you dear Ones! Numbers 6:24-26\*\*

We have had some of our best guys leave our prison group to face their world outside those prison walls and fences! We miss them greatly but know God will teach them many things as they lean on Him... Would you pray for Roger and for Javier. Roger went to a half way house and Javier, back home to his 13 yr.autistic son and his parents who have welcomed him back home. He has a job, which will keep him away from his son again and that's tough but a job is necessary for these men to learn faithfulness, even in difficult situations out here to make a living! Another inmate learned the 66 books of the Bible as did 8 others. We are so proud of them and have gifted each of them a nice certificate that we print on our computer! One man is going to make a copy of his to send to his son who is also 13. At least his son will see that his Daddy has done something good in these last weeks! The stories these men share with me just makes me realize again how thankful I must be for the family I had growing up and married into. We thank God for this prison ministry God has put us into! Several have showed their interest in getting baptized last week!

In May we will be having a Dye Family Reunion in Michigan. We will be be honoring Paul's Daddy, Cecil Aaron Dye and the other 4 men that were martyred more than 75 years ago. A grave marker will be put next to his wife, Dorothy Nel Dye, Paul's Mom's grave there in the cemetery in Port Huron. I even drew my first family tree and made several mistakes but a dear niece made them all right for me:) We will ponder together the faithfulness of God in each of our lives! Paul also has meetings in that month so life for us hasn't slowed down too awful much for two retired old people! Many cultures do value the aged, but now our own beloved country want to kill the aged! But God's Word tells us He will stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man (Leviticus 19:32) Gray hair in this world is usually covered up by coloring and has to be done over and over: (But I care about what God thinks! Isaiah 46:4-"Even to your old age I am he and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear: I will carry and will save." He will carry us in our old age! Paul and I thank God for you...and putting you into our lives Paul&Pat ~ 1/12