



Bits of Home Chat: Hey all, how are you doing out there? I don't know about you, but I love summer. I thought of the long months of being shut in through winter today and I cringed. Carl and I ate lunch out on the deck surrounded by flowers, a soft breeze and the sound of birds. I sure envy people who live in mild climates year-round! However, I do appreciate the fact that we live in the land of the free. We can own a home, drive a car and best of all, we can worship God and own a Bible. Some lands don't have all of that. Carl is quite miserable yet with his arm, but I see improvement he cannot recognize. I wish he could get out and about more. He is getting stir-crazy! Our daughter's church supports us, so their school, grades 1 through 6 took us on to pray for us. We did not know that until a get-well card came for Carl this week with a note, signed by a teacher or an aid. They shared with us that one of their little girls also broke her arm this summer. I don't know about you, but when someone tells us they are praying for us, I really feel lifted up! And let me tell ya, we need it right now! I feel like I am going in circles most of the time, or I am just too weary to do much till I can find time to rest. You won't believe this, but the brace for his arm, from the VA, has still not come in; it's been several weeks! He broke his arm a month ago! The temporary one does not seem to help much, and that is making Carl downright depressed. I feel so bad for him, but I am doing everything I can to help. Martin and his son who is in nursing school weeded the garden last week. The beans could be on down there, but I have not been able to check. Martin will probably be over soon to check it, so I will gladly wait. It dawned on me that I would have to put up beans soon, and I wanted to throw up my arms and holler "HELP"! Do I sound like a frazzled female? I hope you don't mind. At least I can still smile in the midst of it all. Writing to you is making me smile right now because I know you value our friendship, and we value your friendship. Here's a funny story: The last two nights I realized I forgot to water the church flowers and it was near midnight both times, so I thought that I'd feel a whole lot better if there were no wild animals and no wild people around. The best antidote for that is lots of noise and sudden light, so I raised our raucous sounding garage door and flipped on three or four garage and outside lights. Then I bravely embarked on the lonely trek of a whole 180 feet to the church porch where the flowers are. The first night's trek was flawless! The second night I got to imagining how I would fend off an attacker with my two gallons of water! All of a sudden my musing stopped for I smelled a skunk! Now, you can't fight a skunk off with anything. You'd best not get in a fight with it in the first place! I slowed down, looked all around, and not seeing anything I proceeded much more carefully, realizing that in our neighborhood, the only real threat is skunks. Well, it never showed itself and I got the flowers watered and returned home to put down the noisy garage door and retire for the night. End of story!Bye to all of you. Keep smiling. Love and prayers, and lots of care, The Earleys, Carl and Kay

Memory verse: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

I Corinthians 3:16

Verses to ponder: I Corinthians 6:19; II Corinthians 6:16; Ezekiel 36:27; Galatians 5:22; Romans 8:9; Romans 8:15; I John 4:13