

Bits of home Chat: Hey, y'all, we are moving through January 2024 with its' winter surprises here of snow and ice! Our area has had it better than those around us in higher elevations or out near Lake Erie. Today has been cloudy and rainy with a mix of sleet that is most likely a hazard on our bypasses and bridges. This Saturday is our family Christmas. I almost said reunion which is what it is becoming. My grandkids have nearly all graduated high school and gone off to college and work. They are scattered around us in 3 different directions and up to an hour and a quarter away. That's not bad except that their jobs keep them on odd and sometimes long schedules, so they do not have much common off time. Some of the family took a vacation day or a day off otherwise. It is precious to have our family do that to come home to Mom and Dad, Gramma and Grampa, or Mama and Grampa as tagged by our daughter's kids. I cherish them all and thank God for them. Apart from Jesus' blood that washed away our sins, and a Heavenly Father who was very kind to us, we did not deserve such blessings! If you ever think you are unworthy of blessings, just let us be your proof otherwise. We failed God after we were saved as children. It took Martin's severe illness to turn our self-willed hearts to Him. We got ourselves to a good, Bible teaching church that worked to bring others to Jesus, and we learned the Bible. We also started to serve him by helping with church building repairs, Carl drove bus, I taught toddler Sunday school. Later we taught higher classes, went out on visitation to others, helped to develop a children's Bible club called Warriors for Christ, and still later, *Bible To You!* Most of you do not have the freedom we have, but please know that God sees each saved person as his own child. He deals with all of us as children who must be led, corrected, and guided along step by step. So, if you get to feeling down, just get alone with the Father who loves you with an everlasting love. Confess anything you may have done wrong, seek help to have renewed joy in his presence, and thank him for saving and keeping you!I also recommend that you find ways to serve him, reaching and teaching others. We may not have long to work because Jesus will come again. When He does, our work here will be done; our labor will be finished; our rewards will be with Him!If any of you need to share a heart ache, ask a question, or just need a friend, do not hesitate to write to us. We will do our best to be here for you!Carl got his 6-month cancer shot the other day and also got the PSA report back from bloodwork. His counts are still slowly climbing which means that the cancer is still there. We wait 3 months and go for bloodwork again. If it is still rising we will be sent to an oncologist. We will try some more natural helps to fight it. I have got to do some more studying on this. Please pray that God will help us. I believe He can take it away, but we also believe that He knows best all the way around.Well, this home Chat has been different. I hope you are OK with me as I express what it is like in our lives and how greatly we feel responsible to uphold you and pull you along with us. If I say anything that bothers you, please know that you can express that to Carl and me. Sometimes what we say comes across wrong and we do not wish to cause anyone to stumble as a child of God. Bye for the time, but not forever, for those of us who are saved! Carl and Kay



Memory Verse: **Revelation 22:12** And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Verses to Ponder: **I John 2:28 & 3:2; Titus 2:11-13**