

Bits of Home Chat: Hi to You, each one separately and individually! Carl and I are sitting in our living room enjoying its' comfort zone while the world rushes on outside! The coal trucks are running full tilt> they are supposed to go slower on our residential road, but some just ignore the signs. We can call the coal company at the end of the road and ask them to speak to the drivers. I did that once and it helped for a long time. I explained that we respected the drivers and understood that they need their jobs, but could they not, please honor the speed limit more closely? The man who answered was very kind. He even promised to speak to each driver, even if he had to stay overtime. Ya can't ask more than that! The snow and slop in winter and the dust in summer really mess up our house and vehicles. It's also a bit of a hazard when trying to back out of the



driveway or, in the past, maneuver the camper and truck into and out of their parking area near the road.

>>>>Here is a picture, that I just snapped, of a comforter on my lap that needed mending. I started work on it yesterday evening. It felt so comfy that I continued the repair work this morning. Now that it is finished, I just stayed here and started work on your "Bits of Home Chat".

I thought I should also tell you this comforter's story. It has been in our home for about 34 years. At one point, we decided to give our daughter, age 13 or so, an update in her room. Together, she and I painted the walls, added wallpaper on the lower half, cleaned the rug, etc. We needed a new bedcover to coordinate with the walls, so we went to a store that had decent products and good prices. There, we found this comforter, which worked well, and was at a very low price.

>>>>At the time, I thought that it was not the best quality but should work well for the need at the time. It sure did work well, if you stop to think that it is still here and useable!

>>>>Besides all of that, I found pictures recently that show it on a bunk bed, at THE BILL RICE RANCH in TN, where our girl spent a whole summer doing volunteer work there, serving as a housekeeper and helper with children who came to deaf camp. (It was a ministry to the deaf, but also housed other families for special camps, if I remember correctly)

>>>>Although it remained here, we found that it was a perfect mix of colors we like and that it is lightweight, so I can use it when my fibromyalgia flares up. It truly is a comforter! So, regardless of whether it is old, I stitched and stabilized, smiled at memories surrounding it, and enjoyed being here with Carl. Oh, what sweet blessings God gives us!

>>>>I pray that God will somehow comfort each of you with something special. In fact, I stopped and prayed about that before finishing this line. God bless you all. Please know that we care about you, and that we pray for you to be enabled to go on daily, in and for the Lord.

Focus or memory verse: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: Romans 8:16

Verses to Ponder: Romans 8:17; Romans 8:19-31; Romans 8:33&34 In these verses are the teachings given by God, through Paul, concerning the Holy Spirit's ministry. His ministry includes identifying the children of God, verifying our relationship with Christ, stimulating patience in us, helping us in our weakness, searching our hearts, confirming God's purpose in us, and God's fail-safe plans of foreknowledge, calling and justification.