

My thoughts #35

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All of the kids met Ray and I in Florida this week. The week started with Raymie not feeling well. She had a fever which she gets when she is extra tired. This fever was accompanied with neck pain so I thought she was dehydrated as well. However when a sore appeared on her head, followed by many more the next morning, it was clear that although Raymie had been vaccinated she has the chicken pox. Not exactly how she planned on spending her vacation... (There will be no picture to follow... lol)

Mercy is 5! Being that we were in Florida, she wanted a strawberry, pool party... of course! She is darling! Mercy was so excited to have a pool party. A November birthday at home is not usually pool party weather! The kids ate pizza, swam in the pool, had a piñata, ate ice cream and had presents. It was amazing!





The week has been fun with a lot of swimming. We have only been able to fish out at the bridge a couple of times. The waves are too rough. Rayden loves to fish and just wants to be on the boat. Any moment the weather permitted, he was ready to go.

Brody had a great experience this week. He caught a Goliath grouper. It was massive. As he was bringing it to the surface 5 bull sharks appeared so Ray immediately cut the line to give it a chance to escape. It went straight down and no blood appeared so we think it made it.



There was an incredible rainstorm this week. It poured and poured. We were in the house making lunch when I noticed water on the floor by a window. I checked to see where it was coming from. It was a lot of water. Everything was wet. We soon realized that the water was actually coming in from the front door. The water level had risen so high that water was coming in under the door.

Teancum and Brody went outside to shovel water way from the front door. They started a siphon from the front door to the ocean... The pool had over flowed as well.



We sopped up water and wrung out towels as fast as we could. The only reason we were eventually able to get caught up is it stopped raining! Lol Water was in a bedroom and dining area as well!





Rayden jumped in to help and thought it was best to build a dam... soon the kids were all wet. The neighbor said she has lived here for 35 years and never seen so much water, so fast.





When water was pouring in the house everyone jumped up to help. We were all working together with the common goal to “save the house.” Everyone did what they could.

I have been thinking about this. My heart has felt a bit heavy over the past couple of weeks. There are a few situations that I feel that we could do better on if we were united and “jumping in to help.”

New Testament

Acts 4:32

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul;

New Testament

Hebrews 12:13

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Book of Mormon

4 Nephi 1:17

17 ..but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God.

I am thinking about these scriptures. They are helping me as I think about the things I can do to better be of “one heart and one in Christ.”

I love the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for our Savior. I am grateful for His love and example.

With love,
Leslie