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August 2014 Newsletter

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At 4:17 PM the phone rang. It was a distress call from my Number Three Granddaughter. She and her two children were stuck, her car had once again broken down. It was 100 degrees, up till that time the hottest day of the year, so I grabbed a few bottles of water, Animal Crackers and Licorice and off I went to West Olympiasomewhere close to the Courthouse.... to see what kind of assistance was needed.

After searching the Courthouse parking lot for a while, without result, I noticed a big complex of buildings further down the road. Along side Ebony's car were two of my male in-laws trying to start her car. Without result. My daughter and 3 of her children arrived, a few minutes later another Granddaughter, who had spotted us from the highway, along with their little girl. I insisted we call AAA and have the car towed to Belfair....Ebony lives there....52 miles away to have the car repaired. It is now 5:45 PM.

6:30 PM. About 5:00 an elderly couple in a pickup noticed the commotion in the parking lot. By now the water for the kids, Animal crackers and Licorice are gone so someone orders Pizza. We get acquainted and it is starting to look like a family reunion, except the kids, a 4-year old and a 1-year old are too hot, tired, bored and no longer willing to cooperate with a cool seat in someone else's car. AAA calls and informs us the tow-truck is on the way, we described the carin case it had to be a flat bed truck. The family leaves, after we assure them it will all be over in a few minutes. I was to stay with Ebony and her car. They waved good-bye to meet their personal obligations.



Cora, our new friend, informed me that what I thought was her husband was her oldest son Carl and it was soon discovered we were distant neighbors in the 70.s, in fact we had mutual causes and acquaintances due to one of the many Alphabet-Soup- Agencies she was employed by and my constant roaming through some of those Agencies for my ways of wanting to change the world. We discovered we remembered people from our younger days and she reminded me she had seen, what we thought was the first time, a gay wedding that was aired in 2006 on local TV. I had taken that step with my good friends Christopher and James and stirred up a little controversy. Not in WA State, but in some of the Southern States the show was seen in. Many things have changed and WA is one of the first States to recognize domestic partnerships and now marriage, thanks to the voters.

I gave her an update. By coincidence I had just heard from Chris and this is what he reported.



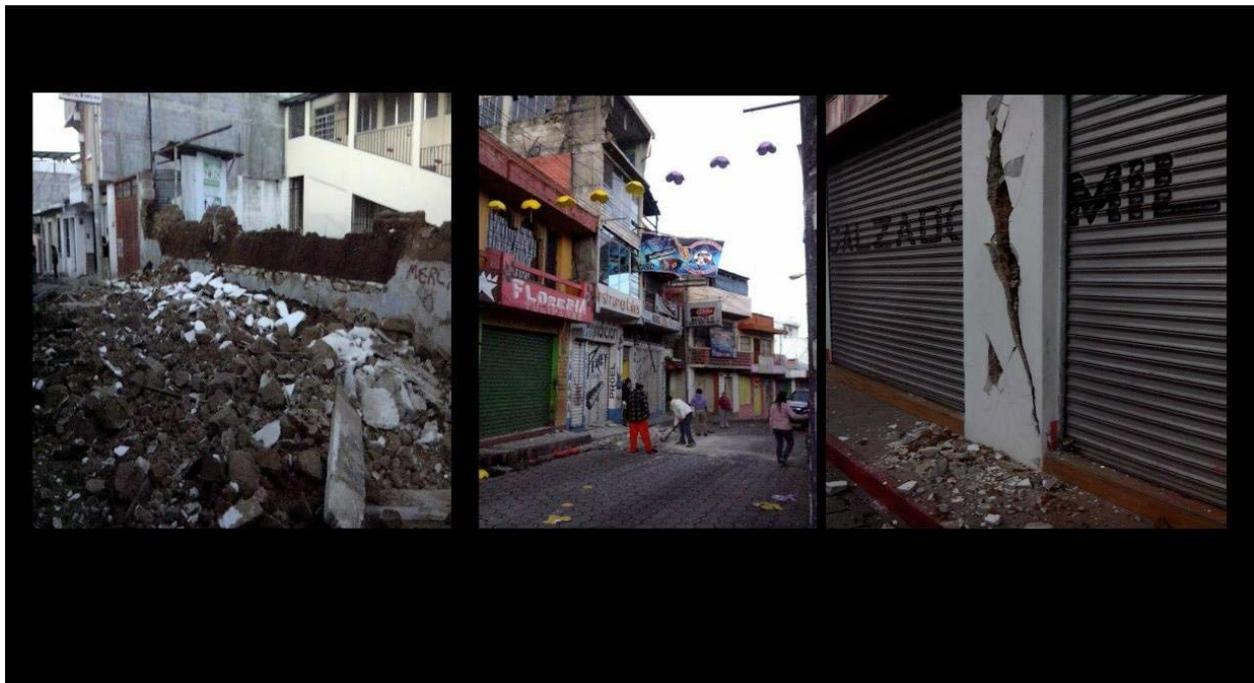
Manitou Springs Flood - 8/9/2013



I also posted a pic from me & James' 2006 wedding. Unfortunately, a Colorado Supreme Court ordered the county clerk in Denver to stop issuing same-sex marriage licenses. Fortunately, it does not apply to Boulder and Pueblo, so we are most likely going to apply for one in Pueblo, which is only 1/2 an hour east of us. We're beginning a new season of ghost hunting and looking forward to sharing the results with you! Christopher and James are the hosts of the TV Show "Spirit Chasers", which fascinated Cora tremendously.

7:00 PM. No tow truck. We explain to AAA the kids are tired, it is still 95 degrees and we are looking for bathrooms. All buildings in this large complex are locked and no one wants to leave....it is about a mile and a half to the nearest Service Station. Vanya, Ebony's sister, was of the impression she was also going to Belfair and somehow in the hustle and bustle we overlooked that fact. She was also restless, hot, her Pomeranian was misbehaving and she, in true Vanya fashion, was not willing to meet compromises we suggested. The girl knows what she wants, when she wants it. Well, NO bathroom regardless. A call to AAA was in order. Response: everyone was busy and they would get there as soon as possible.

A 7.2 Earthquake was reported in Mexico, within an hour we realized Guatemala was also hit hard and relatives from St. Marcos, Guatemala texted pictures. That was about the end of Ebony's Cell Phone, the battery was dead. We found out later they veered well and no one was hurt.



Speaking of Guatemala and the Southern Hemisphere.....

One of the major stories in July 2014 was about the 52,000 children brought across America's borders. People in different parts of the country viewed this occurrence from totally different perspectives. Some thought the "ILLEGAL" children were "ON PURPOSE" brought across the borders by Coyotes and infiltrated to serve some future purpose. For days this dominated the news. Through Social Media and some very skillful reporting it was discovered the children were kept in holding cells, much like animal kennels. This was NOT disturbing to some, after all they are ILLEGALS. Even when it was pointed out that these children are what some of us insist are REFUGEES, the opinions of some escalated and it was now President Obama's fault, like everything else which has gone wrong with the world. Imagine the agony of the parents to hand their children over to total strangers to give their kids a better or safer life, to send them to a strange country. I heard a similar story before in history. Maybe you would like to refresh your memory without me influencing your thinking. In any event some Washingtonians asked the Military Base JBLM for the use of

an empty building, which had been used to house refugees from previous airlifts and repatriations for people from other vulnerable lands like Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. The local community was requesting to be allowed to take care of 600 of the children.....we do this kind of thing in Olympia. When some residents of the County in which the Military base is located, objected to the plan and gave all the reasons they thought they did not want "THEM" in their back yard, things got somewhat heated. Even after it was explained the financial burden was to be carried not by them, rather from private resources etc, the negotiations broke down and it is not known to me if and when they are to resume. The children are still warehoused, nothing changed and no one is able to come to their aid. The news quickly moved on to the next big stories and there were many of them.

8:00PM. No tow truck. Carl starts making calls to local Towing Companies and locates 3 firms which contract with AAA and have trucks ready to come and transport Ebony's car. The children are hot, wet and want to go to bed, it is still 86 degrees. We call AAA and ask them to please put in a request to one of the Local Companies we had located. The answer was a quick NO! Vanya started to worry about the well-being of her by now overheated dog and secured a ride to her mother's house after a promise from me to transport her the next morning to her sister's house.... at least she will be able to use a bathroom at her mother's house. Clara and Carl are still with us and we continue to vent our frustrations about the affairs of the world and mostly AAA.

I tell Clara about a phone call I received from a local artist which we discovered we both were familiar with. Margit Brennan called me to tell me she had finally finished her book with her paintings adorning the pages. She also demanded I retract what I wrote about her in a newsletter in **November 2008**.

It reads as follows:

Margit is a world renowned artist, her father and herself painted for the Vatican at times. After the Pope's death Margit was invited to the Vatican. She shared her pictures from that trip. Our visit at her kitchen table resembled an afternoon at one of the side walk cafes in France. Sipping tea and watching the people walk by trying to guess who was who, their nationality, age, likes and dislikes. Sitting there, it appeared the by-passers followed their own agenda in the time frame allowed for activities chosen.

Margit is also a Delegate for Barack Obama, so while spending time in our imaginary "French Cafe" episode I shared many stories with her.

Here is the correction as requested by Margit:

- *When her Father painted the Pope he was NOT YET the POPE.*
- *She had NOT been invited to the Vatican, it was an unsolicited, private trip.*
- *AND IF I understood correctly one of her paintings was a gift in general.*
- *She was not a delegate for President Obama, rather a Democratic Washington State Delegate. AND If I understood correctly at one point gifted President Obama one of her paintings.*

Those of you who know me guessed right! I do have a Video. You BET YA.

8:40 PM. Another call to AAA and now we are rather irritated to have a young woman with 2 small children stuck in an area which was only safe because we stayed with her. Bathroom is urgent now. We ask a janitor in one of the buildings if he would let us use the facilities and get some water for the children, he declined.



An American Flag waves in the breeze as a wildfire approaches on Friday, July 18, 2014, in Malott, Wash. (AP Photo/The Spokesman-Review, Tyler Tjomslund)

The heatwave, which befell Washington State was also very traumatic for the Eastern Part of the State. In historical fires July 2014 has burned 462 Square miles and over 300 houses were lost. At the time of this writing some of the fires have not been brought under control.

9:10 PM. Another call to AAA. The Babies are hot, restless and tired and have another 1½ hours to travel, if the tow truck which according to AAA is on the way, ever gets here. We do not dare leave for a few minutes and have to start this circus from the beginning and it is getting dark now. We are still talking about the good old days and how hard it is for a young woman with 2 kids to attempt to live. She has been unemployed for a few months by now, the facility she worked for for 5 years was closed down. Not being able to find another job all she could hope for is to be placed into a new position at the main hospital which belongs to the same corporation.

Driving through town one can tell the Unemployment situation has taken a turn for the better. Since cars are fun and pretty again, many new yellow Mustangs, red Cameros, orange Corvettes and a Charger or two are visible in town, first new cars we have seen for a while. Of course working at MC Donald's or Walmart does not pay the rent and maintain life for a family of three, but some people seem to have recovered a little from the terrible job situation present even in the State Capitol.

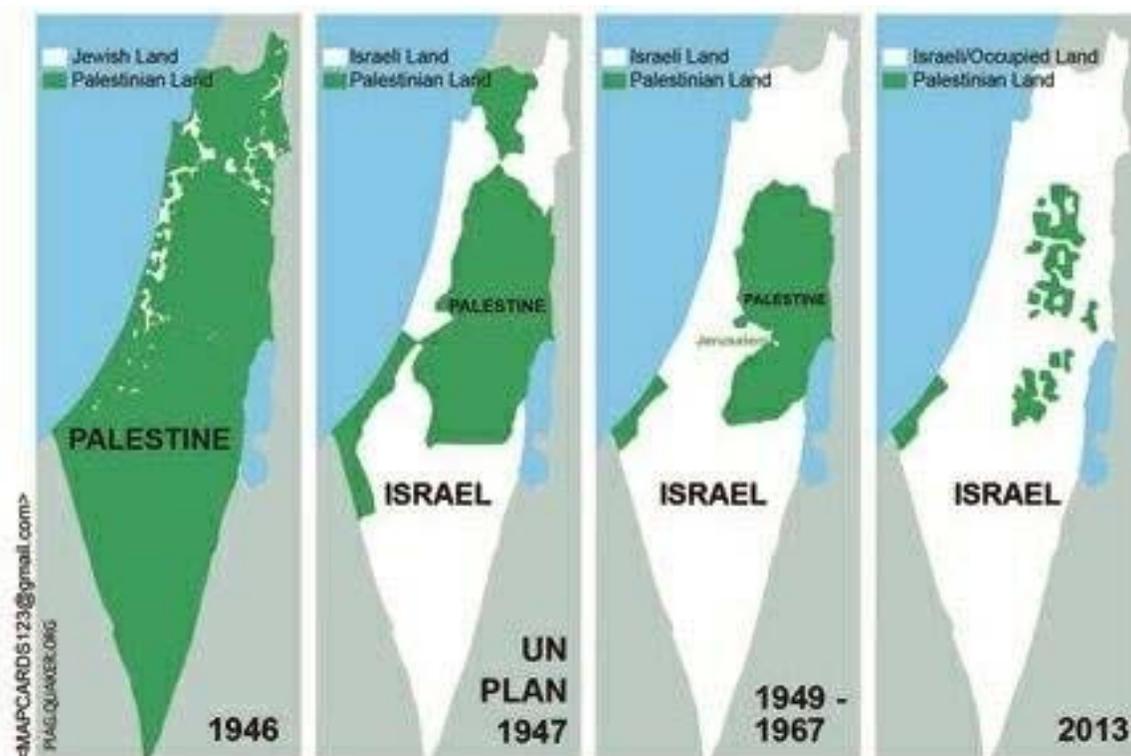
9:30 PM. AAA still insists all is under control and the tow truck is coming. Ebony calls a friend to take her home and just abandon the car. Our new found friends Clara and Carl offer to stay with me and wait for the truck. We are trying to count our blessings and desperately look for something to talk about which could make us feel like we were the luckiest people on the planet. We actually find something. The plane crashes of the passenger plane shot down over Ukraine, death toll 298 and the Algerian plane lost due to weather with another 100 souls on board. We thought about the pain of the families left behind.

Typhoon Rammasum killed 20 in the Phillipines on his way to China.

9:40 PM. We are at the end of the line. I am Scorpio, not a candidate for further discussion with the Lady on the other end of the phone, so Ebony with a kind voice notified the Lady that now AAA has made it into her Omi's Newsletter. Not sure if the representative knew what that meant or even cared. We are still trying to find a restroom

and night has come.

And Oh Yeah..... there is also THIS!



Like during the Afghanistan and Iraqi war I have listed the names of the people which have lost their lives. It is updated daily.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/sheerafrenkel/these-are-the-names-of-everyone-killed-in-gaza-and-israel-si>

9:50 PM. The Tow truck and the friend Ebony called arrived at the same time. The driver is unable/unwilling to transport Ebony and her 2 children in the truck. Reason given: I have no way to transport small children in car seats. Now I am yelling at the BUSHES in the field across the parking lot.

10:10 PM and we are on our way. Car in tow, Ebony and her ride for the long journey home. We hug our new friends Clara and Carl, thank them for having shared time and space with us and promise to stay in touch.

Two days later I called AAA and told them what I thought of the whole thing and right about then.... Ebony, after a cheap repair broke down in a dangerous part of Tacoma, right smack in the Red Light District. Her intention was to go to the dentist. Two. Repeat TWO hours later she and her car were in tow again on her way home. Even after we explained the dangerous situation she was in and not in a safe place....it took 2 hours to get help. I requested help from FBF in Tacoma, except my European friends thought I had fallen in my house and alerted local people to come to MY AID.

UNIVERSE came to Ebony's rescue and send her an ANGEL, which made it possible for her to have her car repaired properly and we THANK YOU!

Ebony was rehired part time, her car is purring like a kitten she said and while driving to work every day, she will be able to help me monitor the surprising FALL colors which have appeared in many of the areas. Yes, in JULY and it is time to prepare for a VERY EARLY HARSH WINTER.

I wondered how a Congregation can build a church in 7 days, from the first stake in the ground to the first service and allow a brother to struggle with urgently needed repairs to his home to work at such a dangerous undertaking without assisting him, whether he asks for help or not.

Here is a picture I fell in love with, by Michael Lillie. It is here for no reason at all. I asked and I am posting it because I DAMN WELL CAN!



Love and Light

Lilian

World out of balance is a show I watch over and over when life seems hard. Coyote's Mother left this Earth to talk to her Creator and we hope she will be right back. Our thoughts are with Coyote.

A visit with a person of High Strangeness World out of Balance



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