

"The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away,
Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job 1:21

Job said this after losing 10 children and all his riches, yet he blessed the Lord. It is not easy to lose a loved one and Mary's cousins have really felt this in the month of June. Her oldest cousin Dick lost his beloved wife, and Pat has had the grief of losing her husband, Wayne another cousin of Mary's. At the same time, on July 3rd, our 6th little greatgrand child was born to Annette and Jake.

Here in Ohio we have been battling with losing chickens. Our older hens have gone down to 4 eggs a day so we decided to get some new blood. However with the 18 young ones we have lost 4 of them to raccoons and one crippled by a nightly attack. With setting our trap, however, we have caught 6 raccoons plus an opossum and a couple of skunks. The skunks we let go, especially sympathetic for a mother with two young ones on the outside. When we let the hens go free in the afternoon we have to constantly be on watch for the hawks. Now Jeff has bought some guinea hens that are suppose to keep hawks away. They need to grow up yet, so are still in the house.



Health wise, we have battled with a few things. I struggled with poison ivy for a few weeks, then got bursitis in my left elbow. Mary has her worse problem with her left hip, but does get some relief from the chiropractor.

We have enjoyed fellowship at Dayton Bible Church and Blessed Hope Baptist. I still go to the synagogue on quite a few Sabbaths to have a outreach to the Jews. We also have a Bible study each Sat. eve with Rose and her daughter. Gill has been an inspiration to us with his willingness to help whenever I need him. The land across the road has been sold to a church group, but until they take over I still mow the 7 acres of land. Grandchildren also take quite a bit of our time and we pray we can be an example to them.

