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Monday – Waited for a load of laundry to get done before I went to the school. Ed met me with, “*You on bankers hours today?*” I replied, “*I don't have to be here. I only work on weekends!*” Helped run some wiring for a sandwich vending machine. Ed from maintenance said the building of the gym will start in a couple of weeks. Mentioned that I will be busy... “*Job security,*” I replied. School was quiet. No students, teachers workshop day. Needed to catch up on some work on the computer. Pushed boxes around in the OutReach room. Turned out to be a warm, breezy fall day. Night time is sure coming early these days. Happy Trails.

Tuesday – Checked email when I got to the school. Had 55 messages worthy of deletion, sorry Alyssa. The vendor was supplying the sandwich machine so I thought I would check it out. To show me how it worked, he bought me a sausage on a stick wrapped in a pancake, corn-dog style. I'll save it for a mid-morning snack. A couple from a Minnesota church stopped and dropped off 6 bundles of various items for the cold season. Because of their generosity some of the locals will be a little warmer this winter. As Audrey and I walked down to the kitchen to get our names on the lunch list. (baked ham, mashed taters, corn, red raspberry pie, better than a bologna sandwich), passing the supply room she said, “*That room needs some organization.*” So guess where I spent the rest of the day! I wonder if she knows just how many pencils the school has? Can you say a ba-zillion – give or take a few. Got a lot done, but still a section to do. A young man came in while I was working. I asked, “*What do you need buddy.*” He said, “*his pencil quit working*”. Boy did he come to the right place! God Bless.

Wednesday – When window frames were painted, some got sealed shut. So I went to task breaking the paint so the windows would slide open. A couple of teachers want some of that fall breeze flowing in their rooms, they got their wish. Also, noticed there was tape still on a few windows. Another task completed. In the afternoon I was back in the supply room. Audrey said we will needed to make some room in the OutReach. Christmas presents are on the way from a couple of church groups. Only the start. Audrey sent out a total of 650 names this year to various groups. As I said previously, each child will receive three presents, one will be a piece of clothing. There will be a lot of happy, smiling faces this Christmas. A eleven year old boy asked for ONE THING!! No not an xbox, ipad or anything like that. The ONLY thing he wants is A CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR HIS FAMILY. The home environment sounds sad. We hope to speak the the boy and get some more information. Tha – tha – that's all folks. Shalom!

Thursday – the day will be in the low 80's again, talk though rain on the way. Started my day off with a style of grace. Tripped over the curb by the school and fell flat on my face. Yeah, Alyssa will say I do that a lot. Scrapped an elbow and knee and feels like I jammed my wrists and took a good jolt to the neck and left shoulder. Audrey and I spent quit a little time talking about some of the families in the hollers. We have an area to visit, hope to talk with some of the folks. With Christmas lists coming in and going out. Takes a bit to get it all organized. Haven't spent the time I wanted out in the fields. The guys were up on the roof cleaning and fixing gutters. I thought I should keep both feet on solid ground. I did get the school supply room organized, don't think it will last. Someone must be playing with my mind. They pulled a notebook binder off the shelf, decided they didn't need it, but didn't put it back where they first

got it. Heavy rain showers started moving through about 4 o'clock. May continue through the night. Don't let the bed bugs bite.

Friday – Oh boy am I stiff this morning. I suppose that fall yesterday has something to do with it. Woke up to rain, in fact it rained through the night. No outside work today. Day is going to be much cooler and very wet. There is thunder in the mountains. At dinner Fr. Tom shared with me that one of the students found on the web the Piarist School is ranked 4th in the Lexington Diocese and 14th in the state of Kentucky. There is a whole lot of learning going on here.