

Ida's Notebook

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Almost the middle of January and I'm still thinking of Christmas. We had our open house and about 50 of our relatives attended. All of our children except one came. Our youngest daughter lives in Maine, and she had been here for Thanksgiving. There

were 10 of us living here for a few days, and it was surely quiet after they left for Georgia.

They left so many gifts behind. There were handmade items and store-bought items ranging from sweaters and pillows to tablecloths and slippers. We were also

given food and candy. It takes time to decorate a house for Christmas and now I must put away the ornaments for another year.

The snow was a real treat for the grandchildren from the South. Seven of the boys and girls worked on making two big snowmen. So, we'll be able to enjoy them for a while. One child got a telescope for Christmas and used it one night to find the planets. Some of their gifts were very complicated like the tiny camera that took pictures and then showed them on a screen in the camera. They could even print them on a computer at their home.

Recently, I visited the Ten Thousand Villages, a store near Ephrata, and was amazed at the variety of products sold to help the poor people of Africa, India and other countries. The store

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has everything from large Oriental rugs to pieces of jewelry and toys. The materials that are used are also unusual — dried grasses and all kinds of wood and metal.

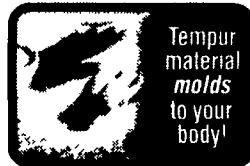
From this store, my children and I went directly to a large department store where they purchased clothes and big fluffy pillows. We used sleeping bags, cots, air mattresses and beds to sleep 10 people. We roasted a big chicken, baked a ham, and hopefully kept everyone happy.

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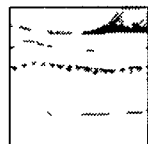


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