



■ Hurricane Rita did us no harm, but she did come to see us. The night of Sunday, September 25, was quite interesting. There was no thunder, no lightening, not even any noticeable wind, but there was rain. Lots of rain. During the middle of the night, in a period of about two hours, there fell over four inches of rain. The ground could not carry the water away quickly enough, and the water covered even the sidewalks. Down the cloister steps the water came cascading, flooding the lower cloister. Fortunately Father Prior and the monks were able to keep the water from doing any damage. Thanks be to God!

■ God is good! We had enough material left over from our new roofs to add a lean-to shed to our workshop for our farm equipment.

■ If you are among those who have the true spirit of Christmas within their hearts, take a few quiet seconds on Christmas Eve to step out into the darkness of the night and search the heavens for a star, one that shines more brilliantly than the others. When you find it, gaze upon it. In the quiet of the midnight hour, listen – simply listen. For one brief moment listen to the voice of Heaven – listen to the Star. It will speak to you and you will hear it say: “Be not afraid. All is well. I am the Star the Wise Men followed. Follow me. I am the Star the world must once again follow. I am the Star that will lead you to the Christ Child – the Christ Who was; the Christ Who is; the Christ Who will always be! Follow me.”

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