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Personal Letter From Vivian

Dear Friends,

So much is happening at Homestead Quilts, I am so excited that I can hardly keep it all a secret. So I will tell you that every time you come into the shop ya'll have a big surprise! The first of many is: We now have **TWO (2) Classrooms**. We have a contest to name each classroom. Check with the shop for the details. Prizes for the winners.

The newsletter is finished (about time, Vivian). If you have a computer, go to: www.homesteadquilts.com to view, print the newsletter (should be ready by Tuesday or Wednesday). Do realize the website is constantly being upgraded and you will also add your email address to our new data base.

We are going green and will be only sending out newsletters to those that do not have computers. We are planning so much I can't tell you all in this letter.

But, you must know that I will always tell you that when you come through my front door, take a deep breathe, you are now in my kitchen and it will always be a home away from home. I am going to replenish your sand! (Ask me, it is really a good thought, I didn't think of the saying but wish I had).

Well, I could just go on and o-o-n-n-n. So, I wrote *Simpler Times* at Christmas, but, feel it is needed to-day: **Simpler Times:** Watching a television commercial I was surprised to see that they are going back to the simpler times. No rush, no worry, real good food, and just plain good times.

You remember; the food we use to be able to eat —before cholesterol; the picnic in the woods after a great bike ride—before computers and computer games. Everything before the rat race. Just plain and simple. Christmas was just celebrating the birth of Christ, of which is God's pure Love for us and love of giving to friends, family and those in need. What do you do for the Holiday's?

Think of simpler times and enjoying the love and giving of the Holidays. Remember— the joy of receiving a gift that was actually made by your mother, father, sister, brother or friend. The gift was made from the heart of the giver. Think of the love that the person making the gift felt from the joy of the receiver. That is simpler times. Made by hand with Love.

Whether it be sewing with your daughter, working with wood with the father. There are so many simple ways to enjoy life, love, and giving. Just love one another, and enjoy what you have and not what you can't afford. It is just that simple. If you don't know, let me teach you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

With love in Christ,

Vivian

P.S.: We have a sale: 35% off retail Fabrics—1 /2 yd minimum, Notion, Books, Holiday Fabric—50% off retail—1 yd minimum