

with anyone needing shelter.

Who do you know who could use some shelter? Who do you know who needs a place to sit down, relax, and find comfort? Who could you invite into your home this week, welcoming them to share in the gifts God has given you?

Hospitality doesn't have to be elaborate. Brew a pot of coffee, make a pot of tea, pour a glass of milk. Set out a plate of Girl Scout cookies, get out a bowl of fruit, order some pizza. Sit at the kitchen table, on the back porch, or curl up on the couch in the family room.

God has made us his family; let's welcome others as we have been welcomed.

“Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13

W: Welcome others

“The Rays represent the kind of family I want us to be. They are always welcoming; others are drawn to their family and want to be part of it.”

—from “A Simple Family,” *Living Simply*, page 106

I read a quote in a book recently that has stuck with me. “A Christian home...is never just for one’s own family. A Christian home overflows its boundaries; it is an outpost of the kingdom of God” (Margaret Kim Peterson, *Keeping House*, xiii).

Our homes—not just our houses in which we create a home—are a gift. And Scripture is clear that our gifts are to be shared for the good of the body of Christ (REF). Yes, our homes are a refuge for our families, but they are not meant to block others out. Rather, our homes are a refuge we can share