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It is for freedom Christ has set us FREE

I want to invite you to come for dinner at my home, Covenant Cove. Holy Spirit gave me the name of this 'plot of earth' allotted now to my care. The outside is a soft golden siding with red trim and shutters. The dictionary describes cove as, "a recess providing shelter for vessels from the winds and the waves!" WOW, you pull into a semi-circle driveway right up to the front door, and will find rest here. There are three very tall trees on the land...one that is at least 500 years old according to a landscaper in the front yard offering much shade.

I moved in here the first week of June, and have already entertained and fed more people during this time than I have the previous 6 years of living in Kansas City. As I am typing, I realize this was an anniversary gift. I moved to Missouri in June of 2002 and into this home in June of 2008...what a good God to provide such an extravagant gift ☺

Freedom is not just keep us from all that is bad or harmful or just not good; real freedom takes us into the promised land, hands us the desires of our heart, and surprises us with good things. I had no clue I would ever live in a house again, and did not even realize it was a desire of my heart when I was considering this for the well-being of my son.

The plaque on the right wall as you look into the dinning-room is one I have had since I was in my early 20's when I lived in Resurrection House, part of a Catholic Charismatic Community. Those years living in accountability and deep fellowship helped to dig a foundation of prayer deep within me. When the house was disbanding, mostly due to us all getting married, this was what I wanted to keep...it reads, "Heaven is a place where friends never have to say goodbye"

Then I lived for almost two decades in what I called my "real" house when I was married. I loved that house as my husband and I worked for several years getting it ready to have children... and our three were all born and raised in that home. It was so hard to leave that house. Then over the next decade, I felt like a nomad...living 4 other places in Virginia and two apartments here in Missouri..., and finally finding my REAL home in Christ.

Through the faithfulness of those who bear the heart of Christ for me, I now have more than I ever asked or imagined. I love antiques, but gave most of them away when I left Virginia. It seems like I now have more than I ever did, and it is all so beautiful and full of character, some antiques, and some new things as well. Everyone who visits cannot believe I just moved in, and comment on how much peace they feel, inside every room and in the yard as well.

This is true freedom...not just a removal or absence of things...but a deep fulfillment and supply of more than we ask or imagine. This is my prayer for you...more than what you have left behind or lost or given away...I am praying for all that God has in His heart for you, and guarantee His goodness and generosity will overtake your heart with joy just as it has done me! Receive from Father's hand all He has secured for you.

Happy Independence Day...it is never too late...CELEBRATE every day...in dependence upon Him!