

Happy Winter Solstice from our Tiny Home!



Greetings and blessings in this most wonderful of seasons from Mother Earth! Although we are marveling in the beauty of this season here in Wisconsin, let us not forget that the snow that lays so gently on our natural landscape is the result of human activity induced global warming.

Well folks, we did it! We have now spent almost one year in our new tiny home. Last year you may have remembered that Chris and I pledged in solidarity to reduce our footprint on this swiftly tilting planet by living in a tiny home.

What an adventure it has been! Chris and I built our tiny home in the backyard of our former larger home in Middleton. We used all recycled materials that we spent three years collecting from neighborhood refuse. I had saved all the single socks from our laundry over the years and boy did they come in handy for creating custom tiny beds! Tiny beds have taken some time to get used to for Chris

because of his height, but he consulted our yogi Swami Paul and has been using special stretches for his long legs in the morning. For me, only being 5 feet tall has been a great advantage for tiny living. Both of us have created signals for when we are moving about the house to avoid collisions with each other. Chris has also started wearing a helmet when indoors to reduce damage to his head.

One tragedy occurred last February when Chris was performing maintenance on our composting toilet. I was out volunteering by sorting recycling at our local organic food co-op for the day. Chris was attempting to empty the solids bin and because of the lack of ventilation passed out from methane gas exposure. Luckily, when I returned I released the gas through our front door and was able to borrow our neighbor's electric car to take him to the hospital. No permanent brain damage was detected, although he has had some infrequent dizzy spells. We now know that our locally sourced wool insulation and homemade glue and baking soda caulk work wonders conserving heat in our home, but we have added a vent to the outdoors in our bathroom.

The holiday news from our former large home where the kids, Dakota and their partner Cheyenne now reside, along with their stray cat rescue/massage therapy enterprise "Pawsitive Healing" is purrfect (LOL!). Please check out their GoFundMe page www.gofundme.com/pawsitivehealing4206 that supports the kitties by buying vegetarian cat food and nourishing essential oils for massage. It is a joy to have the kids so close to home so we can visit and charge our phones when the solar panel goes out!

Peace in the New Year and tread light footprints on our planet. ☺ 🌍 🌱

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