



Kidding Chronicle



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Summer Heat

Is it hot where you are? We are in the heat of summer. But I'm not just talking about the temperature, I'm talking about the summer schedule of sharing Christ with kids. This is the time of year for vacation Bible schools and camps. It is a well known fact that more people who claim to be Christians, say they came to Christ before the age of 18 than at any other age. Most of those are before the age of 12. So why is it that we don't put more time (and money) into reaching kids with the gospel than we do? They have got to be reached while their hearts are still open to the things of God.

Here are some pictures of kids we have shared Christ with in the past few weeks.



Do you realize that these kids heard the gospel message because of YOU? It was your prayers and support that allowed us to travel to where these kids live so that we could share with them the fact that God loves them so much that He gave His Son, Jesus to die for their sins. Thank you for making this possible. I'm sure that each of these kids would thank you personally if possible. Someday, they will.

Looking Good

Do you like the look of this newsletter? One of our board members saw the need to improve the quality of the things that we send out to churches and to the people like you that make our ministry possible. So, he paid for a new printer. It is doing a great job. It not only does a better job of printing but each page that goes through it cost less. That is a real win no matter how you look at it. Thank you Fred.

Change In Change

Over the past several years, many of you have blessed us by being a part of the Meijer community rewards program. Every time you bought something at any of the Meijer stores, they gave us a percentage. Well, things have changed and as of June 30, they dropped that program. What that means to us is, we just lost part of the funds needed for our ministry. HOWEVER, you can still support us when you buy things you are already buying.

For some time I had heard some of you say that you supported us through Amazon's Smile program. I kept waiting to get a check from Amazon but that never happened. Finally I got to checking into it and found that yes, they have us listed as someone you could have a percentage of your purchase sent to but just because we were on the list, that didn't mean that we would actually get it. We had to jump through some hoops in order to actually get the money that you thought you were sending to us. Well, we finally got through the last hoop and have finally received our first deposit. Believe me, it wasn't much. Amazon Smile only pays us .5%. Yep, that's it. OK, it's better than nothing so please, keep using Smile when you make your Amazon purchases. HOWEVER, if you are willing to just make two more clicks, we can get 1.5% or three times as much for the very same purchase. I'm sure that if you knew you could get three times the interest on your money, you would jump on it. Here is what you need to do instead of using Smile. Go to www.goodshop.com and set up your free account and select Jest Kidding as the organization you want to receive money from the things you buy online. Then you will see Amazon (as well as hundreds of other web sites) listed. Click on that link and it will take you directly to Amazon. Go ahead and place your order just as you normally would and we will get 1.5% instead of .5%. What a great way to help keep us on the road sharing the Good News.

Vango

A missionary family with Wycliffe Bible Translation in Papua New Guinea are home on furlough with their five kids. They came home but didn't have transportation. We knew we could let them use our van until we needed it again for the summer schedule. The timing looked perfect because they would be going back just about the time we would need the van back. Well, sometimes plans don't go like we expect. They hit a deer with the van and the bottom line is, even though it could be fixed, it would take more money than what it is worth. Not only that, but it has something like 240,000 miles on it. So basically, it is totaled. Praise the Lord, no humans were hurt but the deer was killed on the spot. The van must go.



At the minivan.

end of July we We have a VBS



need to have an program to do at a



other church

and two camps to do in Iowa. Doing two chapels a day at camps takes a LOT of equipment. Oh, and the two camps are back to back and some of the same kids will be at the second one. So that means taking even more so they will see something different. We just can't get that much stuff in our car.

We are looking for a 2006 or 2007 van between \$5,000 and \$6,500. Because some heard about the accident on our Facebook posts, we have already received \$3,550 towards the replacement. We never buy a "new" vehicle but what we do buy is paid for. We never know from meeting to meeting how much, if anything, will come in. So we sure don't want to have a car payment due and not have the money. We know God must have something for us very soon but we really need to hear from you ASAP. Your gift of any amount is tax-deductible but more important than that, it will help us get a van that will transport us where we need to be in order to share Christ with lots of boys and girls. Also, if you know of a van, please call or send a message NOW. Thank you.

Jesus Loves Kalamazoo

For the past couple of years a group of about 60 churches in the Kalamazoo, MI area go together to do a massive outreach to the low income areas to bring Christ to these people. They provide food, music, clothing as well as spiritual medicine. This year, we have been asked to do the children's program. This is quite a responsibility as well as opportunity to present the gospel to so many kids all at one time. The event will be held outside which is NOT what we prefer to do but they feel they can get more kids there than they could if it were held at any of the churches. Please pray that the weather will be good July 13 and that God will use us to speak to the hearts and lives of those who will be attending.

We did a similar type of event a couple of weeks ago in Scottsbluff, NE. It was great to be there to see God working in the lives of kids. Please pray that those who came to Christ will continue to be fed and will grow in their faith. God is bringing more and more into His family every day, every where. Again, you are a part of what we do. Thank you for being a part of the team.