



Kidding Chronicle



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Christmas in July

Our Christmas in July event was a huge success. We had 21 adults and 7 kids show up. Everyone found jobs that they could do and by the end of the day a massive amount of work had been accomplished. All of the Nativity figures were traced onto the plywood and cut out. All received at least a coat of paint on one side and some got two. In addition, two additional figures were cut out and painted.

Over 40 holes were dug and filled with cement and a pipe that will act as supports for each piece of the Nativity. The 40+ upright posts were cut and painted that the figures will actually be attached to. Two electric circuits were added and a total of 20 outlets installed across the front of the office building and the yard in front of it. We won't have to look far to find a place to plug in lights to illuminate everything. The electric had to be buried 18" below the top of the ground so that was a LOT of hand digging.



Sheldon did his Christmas magic program and everyone loved being reminded what Christmas is all about.



Reaching The Lost

In May we launched the Spanish version of God's Family. In October the French version went live. So at this time we now have the message of God's love and His gift of eternal life through His Son in three major languages of the World. When you look at the total number of people these three languages represents, that is HUGE. With each language, the number of visitors goes up. It is exciting to see so many thousands of people coming to www.GodsFamily.com.



The gospel still needs to reach even more lost people for Christ. Our job is not finished. We are now working on getting it recorded in three more languages; German, Chinese and Arabic. These were not on our top three to be done next however it looks like we have the people lined up to do the recordings. We were not looking for these people, we believe God sent them our way. So it looks like these are the languages God has in mind. But think about it. There are millions who speak Chinese alone. These people are finally able to access Christian content on the internet that had been blocked in the past. Then when you look at the spread of the Muslim religion, what better language than Arabic? These people are searching for Truth more than ever.

Once the recordings are done, they are sent to the animator. It cost us \$3,500 to add a new language. Please pray for God's provision.

Matching Gift Challenge

This has been a great year for our ministry. We have been able to reach out into areas of our community and around the World in tremendous ways. However, as powerful as the God's Family site is and the influence of the nativity scene and other displays, none of these things bring in income. As a result, last month we had to transfer \$2,000 from our reserve fund to cover expenses. We have learned that we need a reserve fund to get us through our two slowest months; December and January.

Some great friends of the ministry have given a \$1,000 in hopes that someone else will match it. Actually, if we had five that would give \$200, that would equal a match and put us back in good shape for these Winter months.

Bee Alert



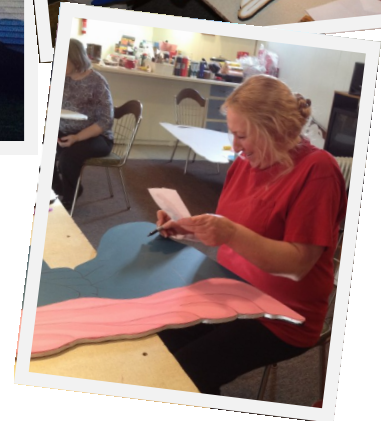
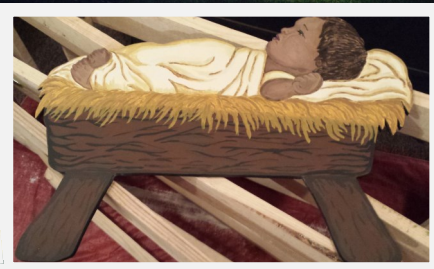
I'm sure you know about the beatitudes found in Matthew 5. Well, we had our own set of bees with attitudes. As you know, each month, we want to have a different display out in the front of our office building that will promote God and Country. We were working on the soldiers raising the flag on Iwo Jima for Veteran's day and the month of November. It was all cut out and ready to paint and so it was taken to the basement where we are painting the nativity pieces. The first day about 3 bees were noticed and killed. The next day there were about 10. By day



three they were showing up as fast as they were being killed. That is when we knew something nasty was happening. The painting was relocated upstairs and the hunt for the bees was on.

It didn't take long to discover they were coming into the building around one of the windows. It was then that we realized that they had a hive under the ceiling tile between the floor joists. When the tile was removed it exposed a huge hive with at least a thousand bees. The battle began. It took about ten days of constant spraying, fogging and swatting bees. Needless to say, this was NOT on our list of things to do but somehow it seemed like what needed to be done. That set us back on getting the nativity painted and has caused quite a mess of dead bees to be cleaned up.

No, despite all this we did NOT get any honey and no one got stung in the exterminating process. We think they were yellow jackets who only wanted free housing for the winter and to delay the Lord's work.



The nativity scene consists of 14 pieces. We have the pieces that are completed setup. The rest will be added as they are finished in the days ahead. This display will stay up until January 1. Each piece is lit with its own LED flood light. Lights are measured in lumens. You get 110 lumens per watt of electricity from a LED bulb and only 12-17 from a standard incandescent bulb. We recently replaced the 1,000 watts of lights on the sign out front with the new LED lights. They new lights are brighter than what we had and only use 55 watts. That adds up to quite a savings each month. We bought LED lights for the displays at a cost of \$250. These same lights will be used year round for the Easter scene, the ten commandments, the soldiers, etc. Can you help with this one time investment?