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Paislee Mae Rhodes
 On December 27, 2006 God blessed us again by giving us Paislee Mae Rhodes. The parents, Ken and Carlie, are finding the joy that only a first child can bring. Needless to say Papa and Nana are enjoying having her so close. Grand Rapids is a LOT closer than FL.

Meet the Hawley's
 Karon Rhodes is now Mrs. Michael Hawley. They were married at Whitneyville Bible Church on April 14th. They are living in Gering, NE. Karon is working as a case worker for families in that area. She is also working on finishing up her degree from Liberty University in Psychology.



NEW SITE IS UP



The new Jest Kidding web site is up and running. If you haven't checked it out yet, you really need to do that. In fact our numbers have gone up. We now average over 5,500 individual page requests per DAY. That is right, per DAY. That is over 170,000 per month. Would you help us by telling your youth pastor, Sunday school teachers, AWANA leaders, etc about it? It offers lots of things that will help them with their ministries. Also tell and/or take your kids, grandkids and all of their friends to the site. There are lots of fun things for kids.

God's Family Update

The God's Family project is the most exciting thing our ministry has been involved in for several years. This is going to be the best and most efficient way to get the gospel to kids that I know of. I just don't know of another way to get the gospel to 500 boys and girls for only \$5.00. Yes, that's right, just one cent per child. I don't know of a better investment than that.

Dear Mr. Rhodes,

I wanted to become a Christian so I went to your web site. I didn't find anything there that told me how to become a Christian. How come?



No, we haven't received this message "yet" but we could any day. How sad would that be? Friends, we need to fix this and fix it NOW. If you go to our web site you can get a complete update as to just how close we are to having this gospel presentation up. The color on Olivia and Pedro indicates the funds that have come in so far.

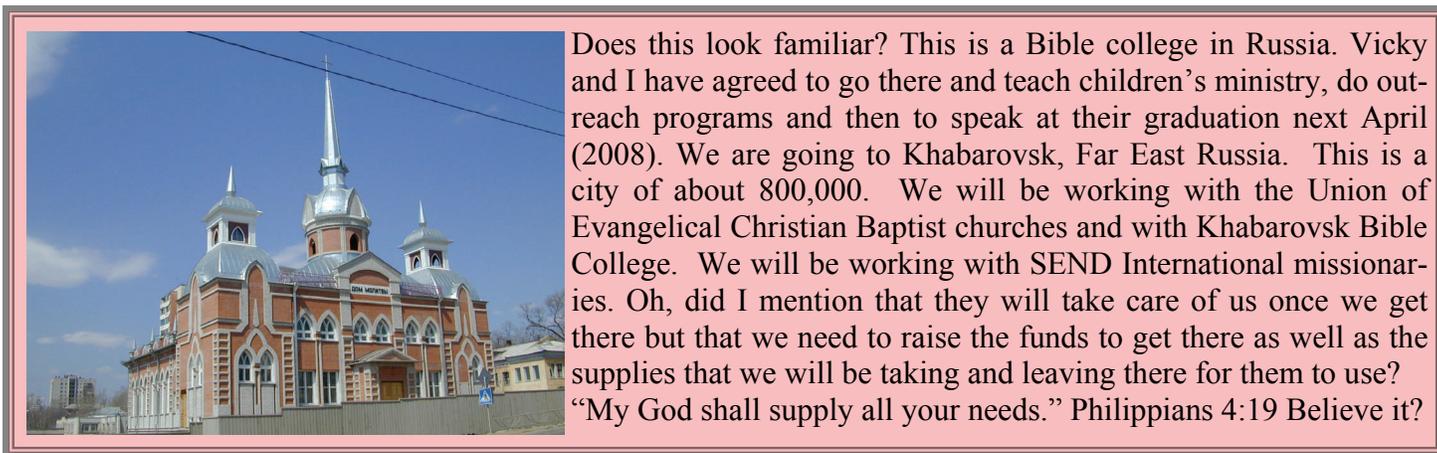
Does the name John (Johannes) Fust mean anything to you? I doubt if you have heard his name before. John was a German businessman who lived from 1400 – 1466. Maybe the name John (Johannes) Gutenberg rings a bell though? This is the man who invented the printing press and printed the Gutenberg Bible. What most people don't know is "the rest of the story".

The Gutenberg Bible ultimately came about because of John Fust. You see, Gutenberg had the idea for the printing press but what he didn't have was the money to build it. Fust had the money. Today you and I reap the benefit of Fust's investment.

We have the idea for an animated gospel presentation that could be used on a web site, iPod, PDA or even a cell phone. What we don't have is the \$10,000 necessary to make it a reality.

A few weeks ago, you should have received a CD in the mail telling you all about this terrific opportunity to get the gospel in front of LOTS of kids every day. I'm sure that by now you have watched that presentation and read the God's Family script and agree that this is going to be one powerful tool. I would like to ask you to invest in this project with us. I would welcome the opportunity to share this vision during a morning service or with your mission board. With over 5,500 visitors to our site every day, we NEED a gospel presentation as soon as possible. Together we are partners in reaching the lost.

I have already started the wheels in motion to have God's Family put into Spanish and Russian. Other languages will be added later. Keep in mind that each month we have people visit our site from over 50 different countries. Folks, we really are to take the gospel to all of the World and our ministry is going to be there doing what we can. Join us.



Does this look familiar? This is a Bible college in Russia. Vicky and I have agreed to go there and teach children's ministry, do outreach programs and then to speak at their graduation next April (2008). We are going to Khabarovsk, Far East Russia. This is a city of about 800,000. We will be working with the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptist churches and with Khabarovsk Bible College. We will be working with SEND International missionaries. Oh, did I mention that they will take care of us once we get there but that we need to raise the funds to get there as well as the supplies that we will be taking and leaving there for them to use? "My God shall supply all your needs." Philippians 4:19 Believe it?

GO WHERE THE WORK IS

Do you know that Michigan has the highest rate of unemployment and the highest number of people moving out of state? People are going where the work is. Gas prices here went to \$3.68 for regular. Was it just in Michigan or did your postage go up recently too? Churches here are feeling this and are reluctant to bring someone in when they are watching their offerings go down each week. In just a couple of weeks Vicky and I will finish the meetings we have here and will be out of the State until September. But that means lots of expense as we are on the road.

Friends, YOU can help;

1. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will provide the funds for the workers in the fields.
2. Ask the Lord how He would have you and your church (Sunday school class) be a part of this.
3. Every time you go shopping, ask yourself "Did I check to see if I could get this from the Jest Kidding site. We have hundreds of affiliates who will send us a percentage of everything you buy from them. Many offer free shipping and with some you can order online and pick up your items at your local store 20 minutes later. If you have a Meijer store close by, they have made some changes in their program which require that you get a new "Community Rewards" card (free) from them. Our number is 239743. Then show the card and pay with cash, or **their** credit card, and they will reward us. These things will not have a negative effect on your budget but they will sure help us.