



Kidding Chronicle



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#4, 5 & 6 On The Way

Ken (son) and Carlie are expecting their second baby towards the end of September. Ken has been busy getting another room in their house fixed up. Carlie and baby are doing fine and everything is right on schedule.

Karon (daughter) and Michael are expecting too (two). Yes, twins! Maybe that is why Karon has had so much morning sickness? She went in for her regular checkup on June 19 and the Dr. suggested that either they missed the due date or perhaps there were two. A quick ultrasound revealed twins. They should be here the end of November. Needless to say Papa and Nana are looking forward to three more grandbabies.



God's Family Update



The God's Family animation is finished! It is also paid for, praise the Lord. I had thought that it would be added to the Jest Kidding site. However, when our web-master took a look at it he said it was so good it should have a site all of it's own. So a totally new site is in the making. It is so very close to being finished. The site is on a test server now and should be ready to launch soon. Perhaps by the time you get this in the mail it will already be up. Those on our Prayer Group email list will be the first to be notified. If you haven't signed up, you really need to do that. I can NOT add anyone to the list. You have to do that yourself. That way the server knows that it is you who wants to receive the message not just me wanting you on it. Go to www.jestkidding.com and then click on "contact" from there you will see a link to sign up for the Prayer Group. Other-

wise, keep checking our site and we will have a link to God's Family as soon as it is launched.

I now have the God's Family script translated into both Spanish and French. Just as soon as we have the funds, we will have it available in those languages. There are plans to add other languages and two more episodes in the future as well.

ECONOMICAL STIMULUS CHECK

As you may have heard, each of us will be getting a tax rebate check to stimulate the economy. You may have already received it. Well, what are you going to do with it in order to stimulate "our" economy? Someone sent this to me and I thought you might enjoy it.

If we spend that money at Wal-Mart, all the money will go to China.

If we spend it on gasoline it will go to the Arabs.

If we purchase a computer it will go to India.

If we purchase fruits and vegetables it will go to Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala.

If we purchase a good car it will go To Japan.

If we purchase useless stuff it will go to Taiwan and none of it will help the American economy.

We need to keep that money here in America. The only way to keep that money here at home is to spend it at **yard sales**, since those are the only businesses still in the US!

I would like to add one more option to that list. What about investing it in the lives of boys and girls? This month Vicky and I celebrate 35 years of sharing the gospel with elementary kids right here in the United States. I think that by now, you realize we are serious about what God has called us to do. How many children's ministries do you know that have survived that many years?

We really do need your help. You may have heard the requests from other ministries about how their support is down. You may have heard of Christian radio stations here in the USA that have been forced to go off the air. Well, when these ministries who have hundreds of thousands of people that they can appeal to are hurting you can imagine where that leaves us? We are a traveling ministry. Gas prices, insurance and utility increases have depleted our finances. We were recently at a gas station where regular was \$4.40 per gallon. I know, the folks in California still think that is a deal. Our spending on gas alone was more than double last year over the year before and gas is up .40 per gal here since our last newsletter.

Due to rising prices, churches and camps have had to cut back. Families are struggling and not sending kids to camp this year like they have in years past. Several families have had to reduce or drop their support to us. The flooding in Iowa required us to make a costly 300 mile detour a couple of weeks ago.

There are lots of ways to spend money here on Earth, but your investment in the souls of children will bring eternal rewards.

What Was That?

Was that a tornado or just some really strong winds that came through here? It took down several trees leaving three still in our yard. It totally sucked out a window at the office building, tore siding off the building as well as shingles and aluminum trim. The neighbors had the corner post of their porch blown away. Across the street a huge tree came down on their house. Around the corner a 35 foot motor home was tipped over and just down the road the roof of a barn was taken clear off. So yes, we were hit but still not as bad as some around here. Praise the Lord for Gardner Home Improvements of Van Wert, OH who donated two replacement windows. They are now in and look and work great.

Books, Books and More Books

Over the years I have taught at many conferences and Sunday school conventions. The lecture notes from these classes have become the books offered on our web site. There are books in the area of gospel magic, clowning, juggling, etc. Within the past several weeks we have added the works of others. As of now we have about 17 other authors who have agreed to have us list their work on our site. What is really cool is that these are available as downloadable PDF files. You, your youth pastor or AWANA leaders can now find resources that they would never have had access to in the past. We are even working on posting some of the material from saints who have gone on to Heaven.

If you or someone in your church are looking to learn ways to teach kids the gospel, we have the resources. Is there a young person in your church who is interested in magic, puppets, etc? Be sure to let them know where they can learn and get ideas from those who have actually been involved in this type of ministry.

Changed Lives

This is the time of year for camps and Bible schools. God is at work. As His Word is presented in a fun and understandable way, the Holy Spirit takes that and changes the lives of boys and girls. Vicky and I are just blessed to be a part of that and to see these kids that God is working in. So far this Summer there have been many kids who have made first time decisions for Christ, several who have asked prayer for reassurance of their salvation and many who have dedicated their lives to serve the Lord as He leads them. Decisions that kids make are not soon forgotten. They make these decisions because they know they should and NOT because of any pressure we put on them. Their lives are changed from that point on. How old were you when you made an important decision for the Lord? If He is speaking to you about something now, He is waiting for your decision too.
