



# Kidding Chronicle



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## New Family Members

In our last letter we told you that we had three more grandchildren on the way; 4, 5 and 6. Well, just like predicted, they are here.



Iris

◀ On September 16th Iris Eevee officially joined Ken (our son) and Carlie and her sister Paislee. Iris was a nice healthy baby at 7lb 6oz and 18".

▶ On November 21st twins, Rebeka Lucille and Maegann Ailene officially arrived for Michael and Karon (our daughter). Again, God blessed us with two healthy babies. Rebeka was 6lb 3oz and 19" while Maegann was 5lb 5oz and 18 3/4".



Rebeka & Maegann



## God's Family Is Live

As the God's Family web site got closer and closer to going live, we realized that it would really be great if it not only had it's own web site but also it's own web address. Sheldon started looking into the possibility of getting [www.GodsFamily.com](http://www.GodsFamily.com) but someone else already owned that name. He contacted that person but they had no desire to sell it to us. Several months went by when the owner of the site contacted us and wanted to know if we were still interested in buying it. As it turned out, God was working in this person's life and they felt that what we would do with the name was bigger than what they would ever be able to do with it. The long and short of it is, you can now go to [www.GodsFamily.com](http://www.GodsFamily.com) and see the animation that has been three years in the making. So this is the "official" announcement that we are LIVE.

Here is what we are asking you to do.

1. **Watch**—Go to [www.GodsFamily.com](http://www.GodsFamily.com) and see an entire presentation of the gospel in less than 5 minutes. Keep in mind that we wanted something that would be attractive to kids of all ages. It needed to be short yet cover all of the basic principles.
2. **Place a pin**—Having watched it, if you are a member of God's family, we REALLY need you to put a pin in the map. Right now it looks kind of sad. It looks like Sheldon is the only Christian in the World. That is because the site is so new and until this letter goes out, not many people know about it. What we don't want is 5,000 visitors a day looking at this and thinking maybe there aren't any Christians. So your pin will assure them that there are lots of brothers and sisters in their family and they are not alone. So YOU and each member of your family can be among the first to add a pin. If you have children, this would be an excellent time to ask them if they are a member of God's family and perhaps you will have the opportunity of leading them to the Lord.
3. **Browse**—Then take some time checking out the other features on the site. You can meet Mike Milo, the animator. You can see ideas we are working on for the future. But please DO NOT miss two other features.
4. **Link**—There are 4 tabs across the top. The third tab is "Spread the Good News". Here you will find two things that we are asking you to help us with. On the left you can scroll down and find several pictures of Pedro and Olivia. Under each picture is a computer code. If you copy that code, you can paste it into YOUR web site and have that picture on your site that will take peo-

ple directly to the gospel. We have given you the tools to share the Good News. What you do with that is up to you but please don't miss out. There isn't anything else like this on the web and it is yours for the taking. The more sites we can get to link to this, the more people will see and hear the gospel. This is your opportunity to have a personal part in web evangelism.

5. **Invite**—On the right side of that page is a place for you to send this to a friend. You enter your name and their email address and the server will send your friend a personalized message from you asking them to visit the site. Come on, we can't make it any easier for you to share the Good News. That is what this site is all about. Send a message to everyone you know. Even if they are already Christians, they need to see what is available to them as a witnessing tool. We need them to add their pin to the map. If nothing else, please send a message to the webmaster of your church's web site so they can add a link to this. No, we do NOT collect the email addresses. We can not contact your friends.
6. **Talk**—Talk to people about this site. If you have prayed for us as we developed this, if you have given even a dollar, then YOU have been a part in making this possible. So tell people, "I'd like you to visit a web site that I was a part in developing. I think you will enjoy it." We need your help to get the word out.
7. **Give**—Speaking of those making this possible, we want to thank so many of you. Because of your prayers and your gifts, this huge project has come this far. This is not just our site, it is yours. Because without you this would not be here. However, we are far from finished. We have already recorded God's Family in French. We have the script ready to be recorded in Spanish and three other languages are being worked on. We are looking forward to the day when people can go to this site, see and hear the gospel in their own language. In the month of October the Jest Kidding site had people visit from 64 countries. We know the God's Family site will have even more. We need your help. Each time we add a language we need to have the mouths of the characters redone so that they will be in sync with the sound. We want this to look like it is a French presentation done in French not an English presentation dubbed into French. This is a very time consuming process which also makes it expensive. We need \$3,600 for every language we add. The tab on the far right is there so that you can help us make this available to more people in their own language. We know that this is a tool that God is going to use to reach people for Himself. We also know that God has people out there that He has blessed by giving them the funds to expand this into other languages. You have been a part this far. Together, let's keep it going. Please consider making a donation of any amount.

There are things on the site that we know need to be changed. We are working on them and you will be seeing minor changes soon. In fact, we had some things there that made the site "look" better but at this point those things caused other things not to work as well. We will continue to work out some glitches but between now and then, let's share the gospel.

### *For The Record*

We recently received a message from a grandmother. I thought you would like to read part of it.

*"My grandson was the 11 year old blonde haired juggler from the camp you spoke at in Muscatine, Iowa. He came home really excited about what you had presented. After he came home and we talked, he prayed to receive Christ as his Saviour."*

It is great to know that the Holy Spirit is still at work on kids even after we are a long way down the road.

### **Storm Damage**

Remember in our last letter we told you about a bad storm that had come through? Well, we found out it was far worse than we realized. We knew that we had lost some shingles and the roof was leaking. What we didn't know was there were other leaks as well. The insurance company is going to replace the roofs on both the office and the house. HOWEVER, the two buildings each have their own policy and thus, their own deductible. We need \$1,000 plus another \$2,000 that is not covered by insurance.

### **Search The Web**

All of us find ourselves searching the internet for all kinds of information. Keep on searching but just make one little change and you can put some change in our account. Microsoft has a search engine at [www.searchandgive.com](http://www.searchandgive.com). You need to register and then choose Jest Kidding from the charitable organizations tab. You may need to give it a try or two to get your account working. We seem to find that if you have it check the availability of your user name, it will go through easier.

During the setup, there is an option to have Search and Give as your default search engine in your web browser. Once set up, every time you search for something, Microsoft will give Jest Kidding .01 in cash. It may not sound like much, but if we had just 100 people that used it, we would receive enough in one year to add another language to God's Family. How cool is that? It will show you how much you are giving if you look at your account. You will be surprised how fast it grows. It's a great way to support us without taking any money out of your pocket. Just keep searching the web at [www.searchandgive.com](http://www.searchandgive.com).

### **35 and Counting**

It is hard to believe that it has been 35 years ago that Vicky and I answered God's call to share the gospel with kids K-6 in fun and exciting ways. At that time we mostly used puppets along with some magic and story telling. Over the years as our kids got older we realized that the day would come when it would be just the two of us setting up all the equipment to do puppets. At that point the emphasis changed from mostly magic and story telling with some puppets. But the original "call" never changed—share the gospel with kids K-6 in fun and exciting ways.

This past year with gas prices the way they were, we spent far more in gas traveling to share the gospel than what we have made personally. We are not getting any younger either. So now we see the focus of our ministry making another change, the web. Someone recently said that "the web is the pulpit to the World". If we are to reach the World with the gospel, I don't know of a better and more economical way to do it. The call is still the same—share the gospel with kids K-6 in fun and exciting ways. Your prayers and support make what we do possible. Your gifts are tax-deductable.