



# Kidding Chronicle



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## Working



## Together

I was recently reminded of the extent of God's love for kids. As a result I put together a sermon that I shared at a local church entitled "More Serious Than I Thought". Do you realize that kids are loved by God so much that the prescribed punishment for causing one of them to sin is the same punishment for murder, adultery and a host of other sins—DEATH? Yes, God takes kids seriously. So if God loves kids that much, wouldn't you think that maybe we should too? The principle of "Love me, love my dog" comes to mind. We need to love the things that God loves and hate the things He hates. Vicky and I love kids. That is why we have devoted our lives to reaching them for Christ.

Jest Kidding is not the only ministry that is dedicated to reaching kids for Christ. Recently we became aware of a ministry that has been around since 1916. Today they are reaching kids in 17 countries around the world. Kids Alive International takes orphans and vulnerable children and meets their spiritual, physical, educational and emotional needs. They currently are meeting these needs to over 6,500 kids through residential homes, care centers and schools. They have a heart for kids just like we do.

With hearts that beat in unison, we are now working together. For the past 37 years we have mostly focused on reaching kids in the United States for Christ. That is a good thing but God has opened up the doors to expand our ministry literally into the rest of the World. As time and funds permit, Vicky and I will travel to locations where Kids Alive have existing works and present the gospel to the kids there. It looks like the first trip will be to the Dominican Republic and then on into Haiti. While in Haiti we will be able to meet Esther. God laid this five year old little girl on our hearts and we have personally sponsored her. It is such a blessing knowing that we are able to provide her with hope. Without sponsors, children like Esther are forced to live on the streets in search of food. Many of them die. Most of these deaths could be prevented with proper diet and living conditions. Kids Alive provides that along with a Christian house parent and schooling.



Esther, age 5, in Haiti

Vicky and I would like to encourage you to sponsor a child. For only \$35 per month, you will literally change the course of that child's life and they will change yours. You will find a link to Kids Alive International on the top right corner of the Jest Kidding site; [www.jestkidding.com](http://www.jestkidding.com). Please ask God if He will make it possible for you to bring hope to a child desperately trying to survive without any. If you sponsor a child in either the Dominican Republic or Haiti, there is a very good chance that Vicky and I will be able to personally share Christ with your child. I know you will be blessed if you do. God loves the kids in the USA but not any more or any less than those in other parts of the World.

## Free Toolbar

Have you downloaded your free **Jest Kidding** toolbar? Each time you shop at more than 1,300 stores a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to **Jest Kidding**. You may even save money as the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well! The toolbar also has a search box and each time you search the Internet, about a penny is donated to **Jest Kidding**.

<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/jest-kidding>

## Family News

Our granddaughter, Iris (age 2) was taken to the ER and spent another 4 days in the hospital. She has had blood work done twice a week for 6-8 weeks. Then on Aug 15 they did a bone marrow test to verify that she has benign congenital neutropenia. Actually this is an answer to prayer because she should grow out of it by the time she starts school. Some of the other things it could have been would have been far more serious. To look at her you wouldn't know anything was wrong. However, her body is basically not able to fight off bacteria. So if she is in contact with anyone who is ill, she picks it up and can't fight it. That puts her in the hospital with an IV of antibiotics for a minimum of 2 days at a time. Please pray that she will grow out of this soon. Iris will also be getting a new brother or sister sometime around the middle of October.



Karon and Michael are expecting again. Yes, twins again. They will be blessed with boys this time. They are scheduled to officially arrive October 1. Keep in mind that they have twin girls already so this will give them 4 under the age of 2.

Kedron and his family are now in their own house. They had been living with us until their house in FL sold and they found their own place in MI.

Kurt graduated from Farris State University with honors and now has a new job and is really enjoying it. He may be going on for his Masters this Fall.

## Vantastic

Our minivan is now well over the 200,000 mile mark. It is still running fine but it really is time to be looking for something else. We are totally open to whatever God has for us. It may not be a van even though that still seems like the best fit. Please pray that we will have wisdom in this decision. There have been times in the past when a vehicle has been donated. If you have a vehicle that you would like to donate or know of someone who does, please contact us ASAP. I have seen several billboards saying "Donate your boat". We are not looking for a boat, however, if you have a boat or anything else that is of value that you would like to donate we can give you a tax-deductible receipt for it. We could then sell it and apply the money towards a vehicle. We realize that for many, money is tight but perhaps there are still things that can be given to help meet the needs. That would be vantastic.

## Temporary Table

It has been an interesting summer so far. On our way to a camp where I did 12 chapel sessions we blew our second tire this season. Then while there some teens went through my magic and juggling props scattering it everywhere and breaking my magic table. I ended up using a water filter as a table for the last 3 sessions.

From there we had to be at another camp in IA the very next day. That did not allow much time to replace, repair or switch out equipment. However, there were at least 5 kids who made first time decisions for Christ when we got there. Those on Facebook and Twitter received updates throughout all of this. If you are not following us with these tools it is almost impossible to know how to pray until after the fact. Join us online.



## Easier Than Ever

1. Today more and more people are doing their banking and bill paying online. This is also an easy way to support your church or missionaries. Most banks will mail checks out for you each month at no charge. You can set the amount you want to give and the date you want it sent and your bank will do the rest.
2. There is also the option of having your bank transfer the money directly to our bank. This is really nice in the fact that nobody has to get the mail while we are on the road and the money is deposited directly. This gives us access to those funds while traveling.
3. Where would we be without Pay Pal and Google? If you click on the support button at [www.jestkidding.com](http://www.jestkidding.com) you can give online using either of these tools. Again, you can set it up so that it will send the amount you like automatically each month or you can make a one time donation. These funds too are available while we are on the road. They do charge us a small fee when you do this but it really is easy. There are no fees for the first two methods.

As we go into the Fall and Winter months your support is more important than ever.

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