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NEWHOUSE NEWS

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✧ A New House for the Newhouses ✧

Rotten wood on the Newhouses' screened porch and parts of the roof called for some demolition and repair so Caballero Construction was called in again. They had done a great job on the office addition 2 years ago, so it was decided they'd be the best men for this new project. Since there was going to be major demolition anyway, Mark figured this would be a good time to take out the crudely-built (and ugly) fireplace that didn't work well. With the porch left open and a bay window replacing the old chimney, the living room was now flooded with light! French doors, cedar back gates, a newly coated roof with new fascia, and a new kitchen door completed the makeover.



✧ Daniel and Joshua both loved to watch the "worker men"

Moriah, Bethany and Daniel hold a "ribbon cutting" ceremony dedicating the new window seat ✧





Daniel's Birthday

Xavier and Mike, our wonderful construction workers, were so sweet to tolerate little boys underfoot watching them work every minute of every day for almost 3 weeks. They even let Daniel join them for their Bible reading break and lunchtime out in the carport a few times. One day, Mike gave Daniel a drill to play with and immediately rocketed to Best Friend status! When Daniel's birthday came a few days later (on the last day of construction—what a present!), he just wanted “the workermen” at his lunchtime party (Xavier's daughter, a friend of the girls, attended too). Notice the construction overalls big sister Jordan whipped up for a perfect birthday gift (they have little hammers and saws on them). The layer cake is from an organic gluten-free cake mix now carried by Costco (sweetened with evaporated cane juice)--very yummy!



Book Nook

Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God

by Francis Chan

reviewed by Mark and Kim Newhouse

If you don't like having your toes stepped on, you might want to wear steel toed boots while reading this book. In *Crazy Love*, Francis Chan, pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley California, calls the 21st Century church out of its lazy slumber and exhorts her to make a difference for the kingdom.

He begins by reminding us how small we are compared to the vastness of the Universe. He asks us to stop and think about the God who created the Universe, who loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us in order to restore our relationship with Him. Yet what is the response to this Crazy Love by so many in today's Church?

Jesus calls it being lukewarm and warns that if we don't change, He will vomit us out of His mouth.

After grabbing us with that graphic and arresting image, Chan makes several practical, yet radical, suggestions about how we can be effective ministers for Christ in our culture and communities, turning Christ's Crazy Love for us into a Crazy Love for Him.

If you've been feeling like something is missing in your relationship with God, or need to be awakened out of a slumber, let this book shake you up. As Chris Tomlin says in the Foreword, “*Crazy Love* may just be the most challenging book outside of God's Word that you will read this year.”

And I Quote

O Lord that lends me life,
Lend me a heart replete
with thankfulness.

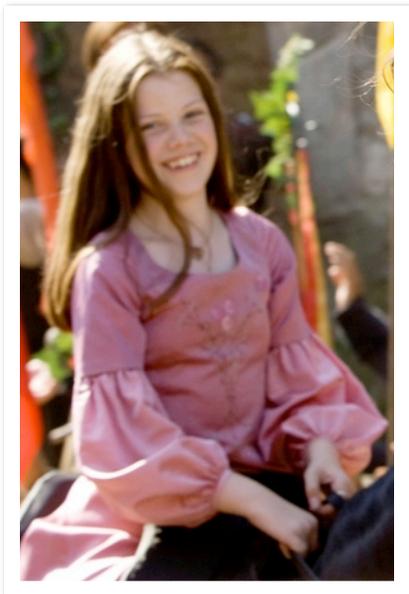
—William Shakespeare

Sew... What's Up?

by Jordan Newhouse

On Thursday October 2nd Moriah and Bethany found out that we were going to the Chronicles of Narnia exhibition at the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix that Saturday. As we were deciding what to wear, we noticed that both Moriah and I had somewhat “Narnian” costumes to wear, but Bethany didn’t. We went online to look at some images, and I saw one that I’d never seen before. The costumes that were worn to Prince Caspian’s coronation (in the movie) had not been included in any books, trailers, or anywhere online until after the movie came out.

I found this picture of Lucy on her way to the coronation wearing her light pink dress with embroidery on the bodice. I had previously set aside some pink rayon fabric to be made into a dress for Bethany. I showed her Lucy’s dress and she liked it, so I got started! Unfortunately, this first image is the best one of Lucy’s dress, so it’s all I had to go by.



I used a T-shirt pattern to recreate the dress. The bodice is lightly embroidered to mimic the embroidery on Lucy’s. Obviously, I decided not to do the puffy lower sleeves.

Working whenever I had a spare moment, I had just over 24 hours to finish the dress. I thought for sure I’d have to work on the embroidery in the car on the way to Phoenix, but I finished it the night before (whew!)



Everyone really enjoyed the exhibition. It starts out with a display about C. S. Lewis and England, then you go through a wardrobe to enter Narnia, just like the Pevensies did (including the snowfall-- if you look closely at our picture, you can see white specks remaining in our hair)! There were many things on display that were used in the making of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Prince Caspian*, including costumes, armor and other battle equipment. It was amazing to see the minute details that are never seen in the movies! There were hands-on activities as well-- Daniel’s favorite was the (very noisy) catapult!

First Dental Visit

The boys happened to have their first visit to the dentist on October 31, so they were encouraged to come in costume. "Cinderella" was very gentle and quick while checking out these wild animals' teeth. (We highly recommend [the Hubrichs](#) for all your dental needs!)



Christmas is on its way!

We have another movie on GodTube--learn about our holiday tradition that's based on the book *The Last Straw* by Paula Palangi.

http://www.godtube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=d8202bd4799ff171fc6e

Cute Cwip

Daniel, age 3:
"Joshua's getting big,
but I'm still longest!"

They're 18 months
apart, wearing the
same size clothes, but
Daniel is a little taller
(and has more hair!)



MO'S HAIKU

Our pastor has been teaching us about worship this month. The night before one of the services, I had a dream that I was to make a worship haiku, so I made two.

Worship is for God
Worship him with songs and praise
With thanks in your heart

Ways to worship God
Read, exhort, and teach the WORD
Sing and dance also