

Newhouse News

*We wish you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!*

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Can you believe it's been a year since last Christmas?

This one seems to have snuck up fast! But through all the rush of this holiday we need to remember the reason for the season: Jesus Christ came down to earth so we could know Him more and walk with Him.

Thanksgiving Surprises:

RAIN and a TRAIN

Usually Thanksgiving is a sunny, pleasant day to eat outside and take a nice walk after dinner, but not this year! Billowy clouds hovered all day long and showered cold wetness from time to time. That didn't stop Papa Norm from setting up his model train set for the first time in many years. The boys were especially



Joshua update: The rights of both parents have been severed so we are officially in the adoption process (which could take several months).



enthralled, as they clambered over the slippery flagstones trying to keep the engine in sight as it traveled around plants in the backyard. We were thankful for

all the family, fun, and of course the precipitation that God blessed our desert with!



Bay Window Completed!

What a cozy reading nook for everyone to enjoy. We got some yummy paint from Citron (low-VOC and rich, wonderful color) and did one wall of the living room with it. Still haven't figured out what to do with the flooring; just have a temporary rug there for now. The living room feels so big and bright now!

December Birthdays

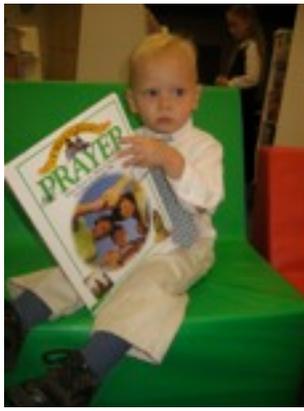
Papa Norm Newhouse 8

Moriah Joy Newhouse 18

Uncle Kevin Unwin 27

Papa Ken Unwin 30

Cousin Emory Unwin ??? (could be any day now!)



Joshua enjoying a book in our church's new children's library

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The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
by John Boyne
(reviewed by Moriah Newhouse)

Bruno, a boy of nine years, has to move because of his father's job as a Nazi officer. He has to leave everything behind and starts living in a country side cottage. All that he can think about is what he

left behind in his old life. But as the months go by he learns to like the old cottage and he also finds a secret friend who lives on the "farm" next door. But when he finds out he's going back to his old home he starts to wonder where home really is and where he belongs. This book helped me realize what Hitler really did to the Jews.

Veteran's Day Parade

by Kim Newhouse



Moriah joined Papa Ken on the VA Hospital float and had a great time waving to the crowds lining downtown Tucson's streets. Mark took pictures from the pedestrian bridge over Broadway near Church and then took one of us after the parade with the sign the children colored and held up. I was so surprised at the many Veterans who passed by and acknowledged the sign with grateful eyes and words of thanks.



Sew... What's up?

by Jordan Newhouse
Two of my most recent projects were new Civil War



reenactment dresses for myself and Moriah. I finished both in time for this year's [American Heritage Festival](#) sponsored by [We Make History](#). Our whole family attended on Saturday, which was very windy, so neither I nor my friend Elizabeth wore our hoop skirts. A sweet family from Tucson offered to let us stay with them in a hotel Saturday night, so we were able to attend Sunday with them. Something new at the Festival this year was a ladies' fashion show. Usually we ladies don't get many questions about our clothing, so this offered an opportunity for us to share our expertise about the clothing worn during this era.



Celebrity Corner

by Moriah Newhouse

For my public speaking class I did a dramatic recitation in first person as Grace Bedell, the eleven year old girl who told Mr. Abraham Lincoln that he might win the election if he grew whiskers. I also read the Gettysburg Address. The next day we happened to be going to the reenactment so I got to tell President Abraham Lincoln what I had done. He was happy that I had thought about being Grace. He talked to me more about the Gettysburg Address and he presented it to the crowd later.