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Happy  
New Year!



*I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139: 14*

## EMERY JOSEFINE UNWIN

Born December 21, 2008; 12:14 am

5 pounds 8 ounces, 17 inches

Proud Parents: Kevin and Ginger Unwin

Excited Siblings: Kaeden (8), Ivy (6),

Colin (in heaven), and Elliot (2)

## MORIAH CELEBRATES 12th BIRTHDAY IN SEDONA, AZ

The Newhouses bought a time share week from friends in order to visit Northern AZ. The big birthday surprise of an [African Safari](#) was foiled by rain and snow, but the family still had a wonderful time together. Moriah's birthday wish of swimming outside in 40 degree weather was fulfilled, but the highlight of the resort was the in-room jacuzzi!

## CHRISTIAN GLORY HALLELU YAH! GOES HOME TO JESUS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Our friend Christian, who had his name legally changed from Roger Baxter several years ago, celebrated the best Christmas ever, getting to talk to the Lord face to face. The Arizona Daily Star had an [article](#) on Christian Glory Hallelu Yah! after he died and asked us to share a few memories we had of him. (*see Christian, p. 3*)

## 3 NEWHOUSE GIRLS DONATE 32 INCHES

Kim, Moriah and Bethany gave the gift of their hair to [Locks of Love](#) . They're all getting used to their new short "do's" and looking forward to their next donation in a few years!



3 day old Emery is held by cousin Bethany while sister Elliot and cousin Daniel look on





The girls met a descendant of the Jordan family who actually lived in this cabin that houses the Museum



Granddaughter of Sedona Schnebly

## CELEBRITY CORNER

The first big adventure for the Newhouses during their trip was a visit to the Sedona Heritage Museum which was on the grounds of the homestead belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, apple farmers in the late 1800's. It just so happened

the museum was celebrating its 10th Anniversary, so the Newhouse girls wore their period dresses for the special occasion. They met actual descendants of the founders of Sedona and enjoyed hearing their remembrances.

## Book Nook

By Moriah Newhouse

*Words by Heart*

By

Ouida Sedestyen

*Words by Heart* was a really good book. It taught me that when someone slaps you on one cheek turn so they can slap you on the other cheek and not to demand a tooth for a tooth. It showed how to love your enemies and those who hurt you very much. Through all the hardships Lena learns to love. But when Papa does not return when he said he would, God gives Lena a feeling that she should go find him. Is her Papa all right? Will she be able to walk the whole way?

## MO'S HAIKU

I'm a gift from God  
He made me the way I am  
Use me in your plan

## Cute Cwip

Only in a seamstress' household would a three-year-old boy open up his Christmas gift and yell excitedly, "It's FABRIC!" (It was actually the overalls on page 3.)

SEW...WHAT'S UP?



In this picture mom is holding a basket of bread covered with the bread cloth that Bethany embroidered for her with the snowflake stitch.

Every year the American Sewing Guild Tucson Chapter holds an “ugly fabric contest” as a fundraiser for the chapter. Because all contestants compete using the same (cheap) fabric, it’s usually not the most pretty print.

Daniel and Joshua are always in need of overalls, so when I saw this year’s dull plaid fabric, I thought it’d be perfect to make matching ones out of it. I had the coordinating solid fabric in my stash and I finally found a compatible pattern (little boys are too squirmy for me to create my own). The judging for the contest is held at the ASG Holiday Luncheon where all the entries are laid out on tables. First, second and third places

were announced, and I was unfortunately not among them. But when Daniel and Joshua opened the overalls for Christmas they gave them first place in their closet!

Last year’s not-so-ugly fabric won me the “My Pattern Story” feature in the Sense and Sensibility [newsletter](#) (scroll down--it’s the pink one on Bethany).

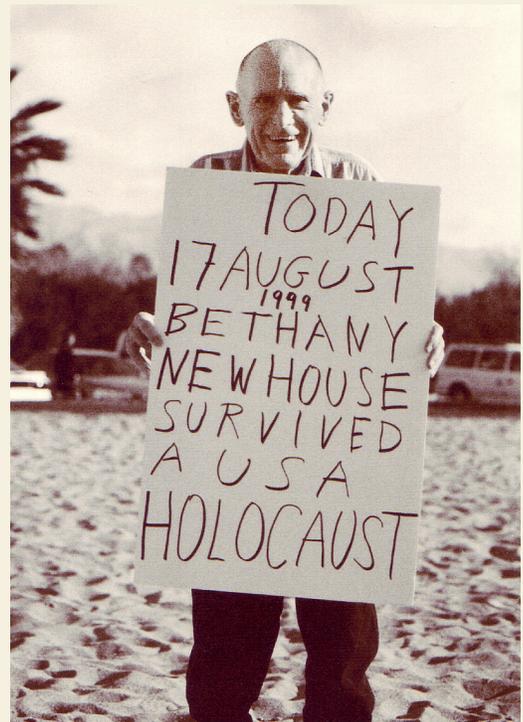
My mom’s Christmas gift this year was an apron made from [Sense and Sensibility’s “Edwardian Apron” pattern](#) (a matching girl’s pattern is coming out soon). Mom loves the ample protection it provides and the big pockets!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Mark and Kim Newhouse      Jan. 7—It’s their 20th!!
- Jim and Janey Lawson        Jan. 24—It’s their 39th!!
- Caleb Christopher Triolo      Jan. 31, 2007

**Christian** (cont. from page one)

He spent all his time and money proclaiming the name of Jesus, especially in children’s ministries like Awana and CEF. On the day Bethany was born, shortly after we met him, he took this sign he made and stood outside a local abortion clinic in protest of what they were doing. We’re not sure what all he said and did there, but we found out at his Memorial Service that he was arrested that day and spent some time in jail. That’s just the kind of guy he was and it was interesting to have known him.



# Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

One day every year in Sedona, Roman soldiers begin to roam the streets, stopping bystanders to ask whether they have paid the tax and registered for the census, and then pointing them to the marketplace to do so. Soon other strangely dressed figures come to wander the streets. Their question is different, “Where is the one who is born to be called King of the Jews?” These three men are accompanied by dancers, instrumentalists, and servants all wearing bright colors.

At the entrance to the marketplace is a soldier demanding the tax payment. So that strangers will not get in trouble, a kind Jew hands out shekels—enough not only to pay the tax, but to buy things from the vendors as well. There are also beggars on the outskirts of the marketplace that will, from time to time, try to steal from the shopkeepers.

If you wander away from the market, you may come upon shepherds staring dumbfounded up at a bright figure in the sky proclaiming news amidst music

and rejoicing. As the figure disappears and the noise fades, the shepherds run into town rambling excitedly about an angel and a newborn child. Some in the marketplace listen, but most take no heed--they’re just shepherds after all.

If, however, you happened to stop by the Bethlehem Inn and peek inside the stable near the entrance, you might believe the shepherds. For there lays a child in the manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, just as the shepherds and the angel said.



*The three brightly dressed travelers*



*A Roman soldier on a horse*