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DAY AT THE FARM

Last Sunday the Newhouse family went out to their friends' homestead for an old-fashioned picnic. The last time they visited was about three years ago, so this was quite a treat. There were around 40 people total (6 families).



The food and fellowship were wonderful! We dined on all kinds of fruits, vegetables from the garden, salads, and burgers made with elk and bison meat. We had lots of fun doing races and playing games like Blind-Man's-Bluff. Jordan's favorite part of the day was in the

evening when one of the ladies started playing piano and we gathered around to sing praise songs.



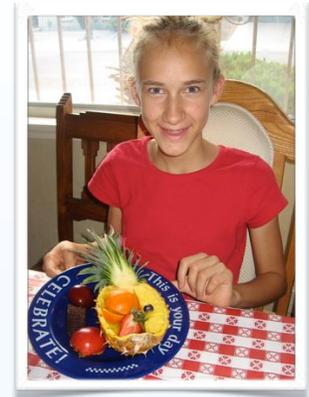
Daniel and Joshua enjoyed seeing all the animals—alive and dead! To the right is a picture of the skull of a mountain lion that one of the sons shot. There were also numerous antlers, animal heads and skins around the house. And of course there were also all the live animals—turkeys, chickens, pheasants, goats, dogs, kittens, etc...



Our family stayed late into the evening playing a funny game around the table and eating snacks. All in all, it was a great time!



Moriah's HALFY Birthday!!



On June 18 Moriah turned 12½! Since her birthday is a week before Christmas and can get lost in the busyness (or the sickness) of the season, her family likes to celebrate her half birthday in June. For breakfast her mom cut all the fruit in half and gave Moriah half a bowl of eggs. Later for lunch she went with her dad to MY BIG FAT GREEK RESTAURANT to split a Greek chicken salad. Looks like she had a fun day. (Plate says THIS IS YOUR DAY... CELEBRATE!)

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Sew What's Up?

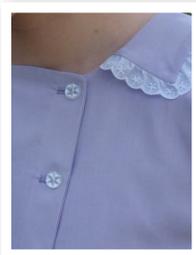
by Jordan Newhouse

This month I attended the American Sewing Guild Tucson chapter's annual sewing retreat. In addition to making progress on a couple dresses for [Heavenly Princess](#), I made this dress.



The dress was designed and created especially for Christa Taylor's [DYDD contest](#). If it's a finalist I'll be sure to let everyone know so they can go vote for it!

The detail picture on the right shows how closely the eyelet and buttons match. I was



lucky here because they were both from the "stash" :)

How's it Growing?

Bigger and better than ever!

Many of Daniel's sunflowers are taller than he is! He can also recognize and name the other flowers in the garden: marigold, zinnias (pictured at left and below), cosmos, and black-eyed-susan.



More figs have been harvested this week than all last season and the Sweet 100

tomatoes are producing enough to satisfy little boys' (and not-so-little-girls') need to snack while playing out in the heat. The peaches are also starting to ripen for the second time this year.



Jordan and Moriah have been experimenting with using the herbs in the kitchen. Moriah's favorite is basil pesto. It's so easy when you use the Vita-mix! Jordan loves to add fennel or rosemary to her bread, as well as experiment with more exotic pestos. Her favorite so far is Basil Mint pesto. She used it along with onion from the garden to make tabouli for this month's TOG potluck.

(all photos on this page courtesy of Mark Newhouse)

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Stand and Shout!

Musical Boot Camp is a two week program that Christ Community Church does where teens learn praise songs and choreography to them. Jordan taught 2 songs to the sign language class. The final performance was a 90 minute show displaying all they had learned: Dancing, Karate, Sign Language and Drama. Moriah did her first acting (and hopefully not the last)!! You can view the skit Moriah did called [The Perfect Husband](#), on Tangle. You can see the two sign language songs as well: [Your Name](#) and [The Word is Alive](#).

Summer Library Events

There are many library summer programs to choose from each year, but the one our family enjoyed the most was the pizza party. The crust and sauce were pre-made but we got to add the toppings we wanted, and they cooked them right there in portable ovens. The library also had games out that we could play as a family; Daniel enjoyed Battleship.



On another evening, Mark, Jordan and Moriah participated in a writing workshop with Tucson author Marge Pellegrino. Moriah wrote this month's Haiku at the workshop. You can read about a couple of writing techniques [on her website](#).

MO'S HAIKU

Read those running words
The ones that cook up a storm
Transport like the wind



Celebrity Corner: Chuck and Chris Daly

Missionaries are definitely celebrities in our book! We've known the Dalys for many years and go to church with Chuck's sister and parents (former Wycliffe missionaries themselves). When he was 3 years old he told his family he was going to be a missionary pilot. His 4 big sisters laughed and said "sure you will". But after years of serving in just that capacity in far off lands, he found himself Director of Aviation for JAARS. He's now Vice President of Global Transportation. We forgot to take a picture with them when they were here in Tucson, but here are pictures from their recent newsletter.



Book Nook By Bethany Newhouse

Journey to Jo'burg By Beverly Naidoo

There are so many babies dying Naledy can't stand it and her little sister might die too. She must go get her mother but she can't get a bus ride because she does not have any money. She has to walk with her brother even though her mother is 250 kilometers away. They are very thankful for the people who made their trip easier.

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Jordan's 17th Birthday Outing

Joan and Ken Unwin, Jordan's grandparents, wanted to make her birthday special, and they sure did! They took her on a Segway tour of downtown Tucson. Jordan had no idea what she was in for until they arrived at the Segway headquarters. Even then the surprises weren't over.

After getting outfitted with helmets and water bottles, all three learned how to work the Segways. Then they set off with their guide for a tour of downtown Tucson. Stopping at places of interest, the guide taught everyone things they didn't know about their own hometown. Jordan especially enjoyed the stories regarding events in the city's history—she really learned a lot! Click to [see the Segway in action](#).



Rattlesnake Bridge near downtown Tucson

The Magic of Tucson



Mark had a leftover domain name that wasn't being used, and a backlog of several years of pictures of Tucson and the surrounding area, so he decided to start a new blog: [The Magic of Tucson](#), a photographic celebration of the City of Tucson.

He has been updating the site several times a week, with each post containing 10 or more pictures. Be sure to check out the archives so you don't miss anything! And while you are there, Mark would be happy to hear your comments.

July Birthdays

Kyle Timm July 5
Kim Newhouse July 30

*Hope you had a happy
4th of July!!!*



Baby N continues to bless our family

We are still fostering Baby N, and he is growing more each day, gracing us with his smiles and generally cheerful disposition. Joshua's adoption will happen in early August.

Cute Cwip

Daniel has picked up a love of reading from his older siblings, often carrying around many books and asking others to read to him. Just before he turned 3 years old,

he brought a big book to daddy and said "this is my favorite book!" Daddy asked, "which part of this book is your favorite?" to which Daniel answered matter-of-factly "the inside".

