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Newhouse News took a one year sabbatical but hopes to be back in 2011! Hope you enjoy this jam-packed issue to catch you up on this eventful year.



From left to right: Jordan, 18, Kim & Mark (40-something), Moriah, 14. Front row: Joshua, 3.5; Bethany, 11.5; Daniel, 5



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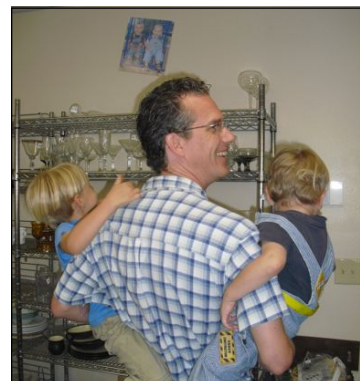


The Jammie Boys! Dan, Josh and Nik. January 2010

Our 5 year foster care adventure has come to an end! We had siblings (ages 4 years and 18 months) over the summer after doing some respite for other foster families. After they were moved to a therapeutic home because of their emotional issues, we decided to let our license expire so we could focus on our own 5 children.



Baby Nikolas went home to his mom in February, but she let us watch him for a weekend in April when she went on a trip. That was fun to have him back for a few days! We've seen him a few times since then because his mom and her boyfriend like to come to the gospel music concerts at our church. It's so strange to see "our" tiny baby running and babbling and looking like a little boy! He was nervous when he first saw us, but soon warmed up again and realized we're forever friends who aren't going to take him away from his Mama who he loves very much. A wonderful fostering success story!



(above) If you're in Tucson and happen by Family Attic thrift store which benefits Christian Family Care, see if you can find the THREE pictures of our boys at various ages on the walls...there's one in each room. Our poster boys are so cute!!!! The store is located on the NW corner of Pantano and 22nd, across from the Post Office. Every first Saturday of the month is "half price" day--maybe we'll see you there!!

Our foster care agency, [Christian Family Care](#), had a fund-raising concert at our church in October. CFC's information display includes big posters of Joshua and Daniel (as a baby in the picture above; Jordan's holding Nikolas, age 18 months!) Mark was Selah's driver for the day and the rest of us worked the merchandise table. [Selah](#) is pictured here with Barbara and Bigimba from [Goshen Ministries](#).



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Mark and Moriah travelled to Africa again in January 2010. This time they visited an orphanage in Burundi that our family supports. You can see that the little girls look a lot like the little boys in their orange t-shirts. When Jordan saw our pictures she decided to design a dress for the girls to wear, and her Reach Out ministry made several of them to send on the next trip in August. She named the design after Nissa, one of the orphans. You can see the wonderful photos of the girls in their dresses on the Goshen Ministries website: [Of Course I'm a Girl!](#)



After too short a time in Burundi, Mark and Moriah flew to Nairobi to meet up with the team from Christ Community to do a work project with [Deaf Opportunity Outreach International](#). We did a lot of painting, sewing and Mark

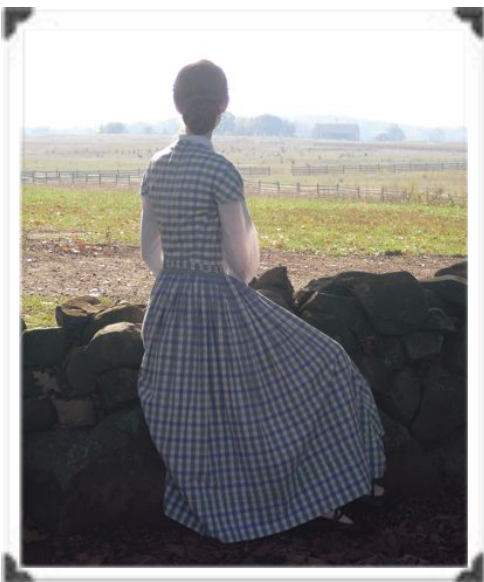


even learned to glaze windows. While there we attended the dedication of the first Sign Language Bible put together by DOOR and Wycliffe. [Read more on our Africa blog](#), including pictures we took on safari.

Jo's Travels

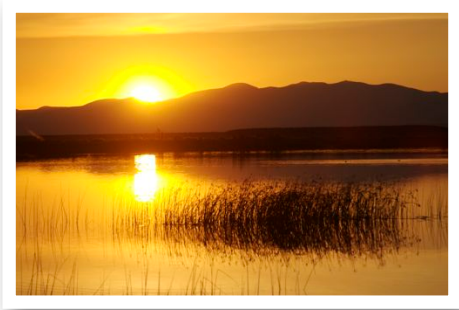
In December 2009, Jordan left for New Mexico with a friend to visit a family living in the middle of nowhere. The visit extended into January and included many new experiences such as butchering chickens (pictured at right), quilting and Messianic Jewish Sabbath. It was snowing when we arrived and white as far as the eye could see!

Then, October found her again making a journey. This time, she went with her grandmother on an "American Heritage" tour of the eastern states, including Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia. Some highlights were getting to see independence hall and the liberty bell in Philadelphia, Central Park in New York City, and eating a traditional dinner in an Amish home. Her favorite thing about the trip by far was visiting the Gettysburg battlefield. She wore her "Civil War" era dress, and did her hair up so it was easy to imagine what it would have been like to be a young lady of the period. (pictured at left)



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Roper Lake [website](#)



Beautiful sunrise that Moriah caught on her camera early in the morning



Sitting around with friends at our cabin



Our boys and some others playing on the beach of Roper Lake

Above Rubies Family Camp, CA

[Click here to go to the Above Rubies website](#)

We were able to enjoy time together as a family in the mountains for a couple days. (Mom and Jordan had to stay home from Roper Lake with the foster children). Moriah (on guitar), Jordan (on keyboard), and Mom led worship while Daddy ran sound (and Bethany ran after the boys!)

Jo got to spend time with artist [Norm Daniels](#), who lives on the camp property, for feedback on her art and some instruction in his studio.

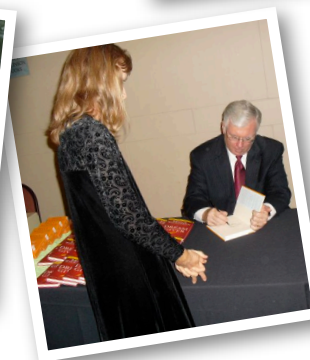


Celebrity Corner

Kim's mom, "Mema", is pictured here with a favorite cousin, Glen Kehrein, while on an abrupt visit to Chicago with Moriah to say goodbye to his mother, Mema's favorite aunt. Lynda Kehrein died a few hours after they arrived. Glen is the founder and executive director of [Circle Urban](#)



[Ministries](#) in Chicago and has appeared at Promise Keepers, on Focus on the Family, and even the Oprah show as he is a leader in racial reconciliation. He has been recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and is in a courageous [fight for his life](#).



Bruce Wilkinson signs one of his books for Kim at the Crisis Pregnancy Center fundraising dinner in October.



Jordan and Bethany with one of the Maxwell girls at a [Titus 2](#) conference in January

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Tucson Wool Festival Fall 2010

We took a tour of the Withers Ranch on the NW side of Tucson to see animal shearing, weaving, spinning and felting demos.



Jordan got some raw material to demonstrate spinning on her drop spindle at the reenactment and had great fun handling many kinds of wool.

We entered the raffle raising money for a soup kitchen and WON the \$350 shawl--it is so beautiful and unique (Kathy's business on the ranch is called "[Unique Designs by Kathy](#)"). Join us for the Spring Shearing Festival on April 9, 2011, from 9-3pm.



Everyone has been joining in the fun of historical reenacting!



In April, all five children dressed up for a "first person" event in Payson. Jordan was in charge for the most part, since dad wasn't in costume and therefore not allowed in certain areas.



October brought the third annual Tucson Barn Dance. Although Jordan wasn't feeling well, she joined in for the first half, then went home to the little boys while Bethany, Moriah, mom and dad all danced the night away!



The 9th annual American Heritage Festival was in November, and this time the whole family dressed up. Jordan finished mom's new dress just in time!



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Sew... What's Up?



Jordan once again entered the [Make It With Wool competition](#) and her coat placed second in her category, winning a \$50 cash prize, some wool fabric, and a seam roll. She designed her entry especially for the wool fabric that she used, and drew the embroidery freehand. Bethany created an outfit and won the same prizes in the preteen category.



Jordan's creative endeavors are reaching beyond sewing, and she has recently designed note cards which she is offering for sale. Stay tuned for the announcement of her new online shop!

MO'S HAIKU

*A tree we had none
On my birthday I woke up
A tree sitting there*

*Not a Christmas tree
But a birthday tree for me
Girly ornaments :)*



*The picture behind the words
Newhouse News on every
page was taken by Moriah
at the Desert Museum*

Music and Ministry

We had many opportunities to minister on stage this past year, and there are some fun snippets on GodTube if you'd like to see some of the singing, dance, and drama some of us were involved in. Kim was able to play bass guitar for the Easter performance while Daniel, Jordan, and Moriah wore Bible-time costumes and played various roles. Mark played viola for Easter as well as the 3-night Christmas production that Moriah and Jordan both had solos in. Many people have told us their favorite part of the 2.5 hour show was the Irish dance number Moriah did after just several classes at our homeschool co-op. She's definitely gifted in dance, but we've avoided lessons because she probably has the same genetic joint problems that Kim has. The hip pain has been worth it though—she loves to dance before the Lord!

[Jordan's Bootcamp Duet](#)

[Moriah's Testimony at Musical Boot Camp](#)

[Daniel Jumps into Jesus' Arms](#)

[Angel Moriah puts cape on Jesus](#)

[Revelation Song Sign Language](#)

[Moriah's Irish dance for Festival Of Carols](#)

[Moriah's short solo in FOC](#)

[Jordan's solo in FOC](#)



Jordan Grant, Blake Morgan, and Moriah backstage during Palm Sunday and Easter rehearsals. Daniel was afraid of "Jesus" until the last rehearsal when he finally interacted with him onstage (see link).