

NEWHOUSE NEWS

A F A M I L Y N E W S L E T T E R

New Ventures

Jordan set up a shop on Zibbet, an online marketplace like Etsy. The shop currently has My Twinn doll clothes and hand-drawn notecards (pictured below). New this month is the set of cards with quotes from great hymn-writers. Go check it out at <http://zibbet.com/heavenlyprincess>

While you're at it, you can go vote for Zibbet on About.com's "[Reader's choice awards](#)". If you would like to know why Jordan thinks Zibbet is the best, read [her blog post](#).



35 in 365

Jordan and Moriah are crossing off 35 goals throughout this year. Both of them have been blogging about the adventure/journey on their blogs: [Click here to go to Moriah's blog](#) or [Click here to go to Jordan's blog](#)



Don't miss this movie, coming out on April 8! (see p. 4)

Join us at the [Tucson Organic Garden Fair](#) (p. 5) This is Bethany posing at one a few years ago with the My Twinn doll given to her by our wonderful friend Kathy Breedlove (p. 3)



More reenacting fun! (p. 4)

Try out Mark's latest web app and submit your own data to the worldwide astronomy campaign! (p. 4)

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Life Advocates: Justice for All

The mission of [Justice For All](#) is to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.

The group travels around the country to set up a giant exhibit with images showing the graphic truth of the tragedy of abortion on University campuses, which naturally starts debate. In order for the exhibit to be productive, that debate must be transformed into meaningful dialogue. So JFA interns and staff train people like you and me to do just that.

Jordan and Mark went through the training two years ago, and this year Jordan and Moriah did it and spent two days on the University of Arizona campus talking to individuals about this difficult subject. To read about a few of Jordan's experiences, see [the articles she wrote for her blog](#) (it is amazing to see how God worked!)

Climbing Fun....

...overlooking downtown Tucson from "A" Mountain and then the Tucson Children's Museum.



Adoption Advocate

by Moriah

My mom spoke at a local MOPS gathering (Moms Of Preschoolers) during sanctity of human life month about the wonderful option of foster care and adoption. I was given the opportunity to put together and run the power point for her talk.



Our boys are featured on the new [Christian Family Care](#) poster. Joshua is at the upper left, Daniel is at the top corner of lower left, and both boys are at the bottom together.



Bethany decorated for and attended the Father/Daughter breakfast at Christ Community. Moriah & Kim also helped with decorations & the photography booth that Mark set up.

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How's it growing?

Despite some freezing temperatures and even snow, we're still eating out of the garden!

Some greens, broccoli, herbs, and carrots are still tasty.



CUTE CWIPS

Mom, pointing out the window at the snow on the ground: "What do you see outside?"

Joshua, age 3: "Painted rocks!" (He had NO idea what it was!)

Dan, age 5, after picking carrots from his garden: "These taste more like carrots than the OTHER ones!" (from the store). Joshua, pictured above, likes to eat fistfuls of fennel when we're not looking. He also loves broccoli and their flowers.



MO'S HAIKU
Some snow in Tucson
Two days later I want to
Swim in a cool pool

Joshua playing in a tub of water

ROBC-FOR SAFE, HEALTHY PRODUCTS



Our buying club serves people all over Southern Arizona and even into New Mexico! At our home, the SE drop, we also order from [Frontier co-op](#). Each month we sort out hundreds of dollars worth of products like toiletries, cleaning supplies, bulk spices, and other healthy items for the many families we order with. [Azure orders](#) come prepackaged for each customer, but Frontier is a re-pack fun-fest.

WE MOURN THE LOSS...

of Kathy Breedlove, co-founder of Rincon Organics Buying Club. Kim became an Azure Standard drop point a few years ago but didn't know how to communicate with the dozens of families joining the group. Kathy found us, put together a yahoogroup and website, gave us a name, and helped with the monthly order distribution! She died suddenly on February 9, just hours after posting a reminder to all of us about the order deadline that day. Kathy was a huge fan of Newhouse News and a great encourager of our family. We'll miss you Kathy!

(She is pictured here with husband Greg at their daughter's wedding in December where Mark and Moriah were the photographers.)



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SOUL SURFER The True Story of Bethany Hamilton by Kim

We got to see a preview of this exciting movie coming to theaters April 8. It's about an amazing family with a determined daughter who survived a shark attack to continue her journey towards being a pro surfer. I loved the part where Dennis Quaid (a wild-boy actor formerly addicted to heroin) is reading his Bible by his daughter's bedside and encouraging her with Words of Truth! It was also fun to see Helen Hunt as the mom, singer Carrie Underwood as the church youth group leader, and Craig T. Nelson as the surgeon. Email me if you're interested in group rate tickets--I will do whatever I can to help everyone see this movie! (Bring your kleenex, especially if you have a soft mommy heart that can't stand to see your baby suffering!) [Watch the trailer here.](#)



Kim and Moriah promoting the movie

Less of Our Light for More Star Light

The GLOBE at Night program is an international citizen-science campaign to raise public awareness of the impact of light pollution by encouraging everyone everywhere to measure local levels of night sky brightness and contribute observations online to a world map. All it takes is a few minutes to participate between 8–10 pm, now through March 6, or again starting March 22 - April 4. Your measurements will make a world of difference. For more information, visit the [Web site to download a Family Activity Packet](#). New this year is the ability to submit data in real time using the [web app](#) that Mark designed.



Upcoming Tucson Events

The Tucson Presidio was established in 1775. Recently, a section of it has been rebuilt and re-enactors regularly put on events to educate the public about the days of the Spanish occupation.

Saturday, March 19, there will be a Special Event: Territorial Days! All re-enactors are urged to come out dressed in Arizona Territorial finery to celebrate the 19th century in Arizona.

[Details on the Presidio trust website](#)



This re-enactor worked at Colonial Williamsburg as a teenager!



Have you ever seen a sheep sheared? You can at [the Spring Shearing fest](#) at the Withers Ranch!

Sheep aren't the only animals on the ranch raised for wool, there are also llamas, alpacas, rabbits, and goats.

We attended the Wool Festival last fall and enjoyed browsing the booths, watching the animals, participating in some demonstrations, and buying (and winning!) wool products. Hope to see many familiar faces on April 9!

CONCERTS

We love good Christian music of ALL kinds. But we have to admit that the primary reason we attend all the gospel concerts in Tucson is that there's a good chance our former foster baby Nikolas will be there because his Mom and her boyfriend LOVE gospel music! Maybe we'll see you at a Christ Community concert as well:
Melody Boys--3/31
The Weatherfords--4/26
The Kingsmen--4/15
The Nelons--5/23

The Tucson Organic Gardeners Present Spring Organic Gardening Fair

Saturday, March 5th • 10:30am - 3:30pm
St. Mark's Church • 3809 E 2nd Street
1 block west of Alvernon, 2 blocks south of Speedway
Admission is Free



Plant/Herb Sale - Food - Fun

- Multiple vendors offering a large selection of high quality organically grown vegetable and herb starts, ready for spring planting
- Organically produced seeds
- Organic gardening amendments
- Compost bins and cranks
- Free organic gardening and compost information
- Trade show of local environmentally conscious businesses
- Network with local environmental non-profits and NGOs



All proceeds benefit Tucson Organic Gardeners, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
Questions call : 678-9158 Or e-mail info@TucsonOrganicGardeners.org