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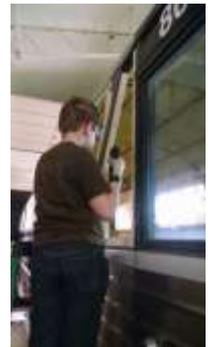
Dear Friends,

April, 2015

The cold, snowy weather of the past two winters has reduced the number of calls for programs during those months. After all, who wants to go to all the trouble of planning for a special group to come when your event may have to be cancelled for a blizzard! That does not mean that we had nothing to do, but that we were able to take the time for other things. For instance...

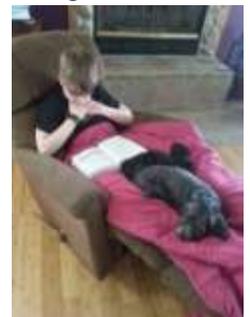
Family time is precious to us. We were able to all be together to celebrate Christmas which is a feat in itself! On Christmas night, our house was full since all of our children, sons-in-law, and grandchildren spent the night—eighteen people and three dogs! Our granddaughters acted out the Christmas story and baby Eowyn was just the right size to be baby Jesus. We have also enjoyed other snippets of time together with our kids and grandkids—dinner together, out for coffee, granddaughter overnight—and plan on many more! It is a bit of a challenge to continue on with the journey of parenting and homeschooling kids at home and still get to spend important time with adult children and “spoiling” time with grandchildren, but we’re determined to make it work. We love them all!

Back in the office, Jeff worked on necessary paperwork, emails, and phone calls as well as keeping things repaired. He prefers working in the shop on staging, props and equipment or the bus project, but even those things require searching the internet for needed parts or installation instructions at times! Once he could head for the shop, you might hear him say, “Finally! I can leave my desk and work in the shop!” Jeff really enjoys working with the volunteer laborers on the bus. Logan and Jordan even get in on using the tools and helping their dad on this project. What a blessing it is for them to have the opportunity to learn how to use tools and work together.



Although this summer’s series, “Monsters in Your Life,” is a repeat from several years ago and the staging is similar, it always needs to be remade. Not only does it get worn out from being used for an entire year, but there are usually a few modifications to be made. We all weigh in on how well things worked the last time and make changes that we hope will improve things or update the look. We love working with everyone else to come up with new ideas and suggestions. In fact, our “staff meetings” usually get pretty noisy as we laugh and have fun together! A new promotion video is in the works and also proved to be a fun all-staff project that included puppets, board games and potato chips. You’ll just have to check out the video to understand.

Robin tries to work from home as much as possible so that school can continue for Logan and Jordan. There is usually one day out of the week that we can all be at the office to work on projects together, but those academic subjects sometimes just need the peace and quiet of home to get them done. One of the things all of our kids have felt was disappointing about homeschooling was that there is no reason to cancel school for snow days. As you can see, they certainly aren’t suffering! They also get to enjoy getting together with other homeschoolers for other activities.





Both of them have received their yellow belt in Taekwondo class and are working toward being able to receive the next two belts at once before the end of the year. Jordan took part in HPA Kids' production of "Once Upon a Parable" in March and had lots of fun. Logan was in his sixth production with HPA: "A Little Princess." For the first time, this was not a musical and it gave him more experience in character development. Both boys have made great friends as a result of their time spent working on these productions, and Robin gets to help with the costumes and be part of a great group of ladies known as "the costume moms!"

As many of these activities come to an end for the school year, we are getting excited about this summer! Our schedule is filled with six weeks of VBS and four weeks of camp. Many of the places we will be going are the same, but we have three new churches where we will serve. Whether we are going to a new place or one where we have served for many years, we look at it as a great responsibility and privilege to share the gospel with those who are present in a way that they will hear and understand. It is such an encouragement to hear from young people who have been part of a VBS or other program where we have done puppets, especially when they tell us that we had a part in helping them understand the truth of the gospel. Recently, we received the baptismal testimonies of two young ladies who were in our programs when they were little. "Uncle Jeff and Aunt Robin from God's Helping Hands were the ones that led me to God..." "Auntie Robin...explained to me that Jesus loved me so much that he died on the cross for my sins..." This is what it is all about and what makes being part of this ministry so rewarding!

We thank you for partnering with us through your prayers and support to reach children like these with the gospel!  
Please pray:

- ❖ That God's message would be what comes through in everything that we say and do and that His Holy Spirit would prepare the children's hearts to hear His Truth!
- ❖ That we would be willing to be molded and shaped to be Christ's ambassadors.
- ❖ For safety in travels, good health, and good family relationships as we travel together.
- ❖ That we would be able to get our bus repaired in time for summer. The engine repair that was needed last fall was more extensive than we first thought and cost more than \$6,300. In addition to that, it was left outside though we were promised it would be kept indoors because it was not winterized yet. Now there will be time and expense involved to repair and replace frozen water lines and possibly more before we need it in June.

In His Service,

*Jeff, Robin, Logan and Jordan*

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