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Mark has been commuting to work for some time now in an effort to stay fit and save some money on gasoline. Two months ago he upgraded from his 12-year-old mountain bike to a relatively new road bike he found for a great deal on craigslist.

After 2 months and 433 miles, he was riding home and was hit

by a pickup truck. The driver apparently ran a stop sign and never saw Mark, who, thankfully, was thrown from the bike. We know God was protecting Mark from serious harm as the truck rolled over the bike, damaging every component.

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Josh update

August 5, 2008 was a day our family looked at with some trepidation. That was the day of the permanency hearing for our foster son Joshua. All indications had been that his biological parents were working their case plan and we were expecting to have to hand him over to them very soon.

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Joshua enjoys a ride on daddy's walker, which he only needed for two days

New additions to cyberspace!!

Moriah Newhouse is proud to announce that she has a new blog!

Here is her link:

<http://gnuhaus.com/moriah/>

Moriah has really enjoyed writing on her blog ever since she got it up and has posted quite a bit already.

Jordan Newhouse has a new website!

Here is her link:

<http://gnuhaus.com/heavenlyprincess>

Jordan has changed her Heavenly Princess website to the link above. She'd love to hear what you think of it!

MO'S HAIKU

*Hot describes August
It's the time to go swimming
But sometimes it rains!*

Bike Crash cont.

Mark was taken to the hospital by ambulance and x-rayed from head to toe. He had no broken bones and not even any road rash, but the pain and stiffness is ever-present. The healing process has been slower than Mark would like, but progress is being made each day. It will probably be some time before he gets on a bike again.

Summer Fun!

Every year Moriah enjoys going to a program at First Evangelical Free Church called the Summer Arts Festival (SAF). SAF is like a Vacation Bible School except you get to pick out what electives you want to do.

An SAF day would go like this: after arriving and doing some warm ups, the kids practice the musical that they will perform on Friday night. Then they move on to their 1st elective. Moriah enjoyed going to a class called "Once upon a time" where she learned how to write a story. After that, everyone goes to snack time and then on to the 2nd elective. Moriah's was called "Dancing with flair" where she learned some African dance and also a whole number that she did at the final performance.

But her fun did not end there! Her Grandma Carol was a teacher for SAF, so she took Moriah home for the weekend and they enjoyed quite a few adventures!

For example, on the way to the house, Grandma was telling her that the day before she and Papa Norm had seen a bobcat walk right in between their house and their neighbors' house. As they drove into the driveway Moriah said, "I think I'm seeing things and you probably think I'm seeing things, but I think I see a bobcat!!!" She pointed to the golf course, and it was indeed a bobcat!!

That night when they accidentally got locked out of the house, wild animals were certainly on their minds!

Grandma and Moriah were able to work on a special project—scrapbooking Kim's childhood as a birthday gift for her. It turned out very nice!

All of the Newhouses always enjoy their "Camp Saddlebrooke" vacations at Grandma and Papa's house. They had a great time there with the Timm Family on the 4th of July as well.

Sew... What's up?

July 30 was my mom's birthday, so this month's featured project is the jumper that I made for her.

I decided to make my mom a jumper three days before her birthday. After finding a simple, easy-fit jumper pattern in my stash, I went to look for the perfect fabric. I picked a garden print because my mom had commented that her "garden dress" that she wore to garden parties and events was getting worn out. It was essentially finished by that evening and took it over to my Mema's house and wove the ribbon around the neckline while watching The Secret Garden.

My mom received her dress on her birthday right after lunch. She promptly went to the bathroom and put it on! She can't wait to have a garden party to wear it to!



Josh update cont.

Our prayers have always been for his parents to do well, but if they were going to fall back into their old habits, (namely drug use) that it would happen before Joshua's transition took place. Recent findings have prompted the judge to change the case plan to severance and adoption (by us, of course ☺). The initial severance hearing is Aug. 28, so watch for an update in the next issue!

Book Nook By Moriah Newhouse

CONCORD CUNNINGHAM

THE Scripture Sleuth

By Mathew Halverson

This book is just like Encyclopedia Brown except "Concordance" Cunningham uses the Bible instead of an encyclopedia to solve the mysteries. I really enjoyed reading these soooo much that I read two of them in one day! This book also helped me realize why I should pay more attention to what I read in the Bible.

Cute Cwips

Instead of “gimme!” Joshua usually says “GANK oo” (meaning “thank you”) whenever he wants something. He also says it when he gives something away—reminding the receiver to say thanks, perhaps? ☺

Family Birthdays

Ed Reiter (Mark’s uncle)	Aug 12
Kaeden Unwin (cousin)	Aug 15
Bethany Newhouse	Aug 17
Ivy Unwin (cousin)	Aug 20
Joan Unwin (Kim’s mom)	Aug 28
Albert Holsinger (Mark’s Grandpa)	Aug 31

And I Quote...

“Be yourself—everyone else is already taken.”
~Oscar Wilde

Celebrity Corner

Jordan and her friends pose with important dignitaries from the past behind the We Make History booth at the Arizona Families for Home Education Convention in Phoenix. Be sure to go the 2nd page of pictures at the link below to see great shots of the whole family (even Joshua, in his period-correct “dress”!)

<http://tinyurl.com/AFH2007>



Our other celebrities are part of the traveling singing and dancing group the Young Continentals. We had them overnight at our house after they did a wonderful performance at our church.

