

# NEWHOUSE NEWS

A FAMILY  
NEWSLETTER

Photo of the flowers from one of our many basil plants by Moriah Newhouse

## GARDEN PARTY

The Tucson Organic Gardeners (TOG) went to the Newhouse's garden for their first potluck this summer.

Every month of the summer, TOG holds a potluck at a different member's garden. Jordan especially enjoyed having the potluck in her garden because she was able to get feedback from more experienced gardeners regarding problems with her plants. "I really enjoyed all the compliments too!" she says.

Many of the gardeners were impressed with all that they had squeezed into the not-too-large yard. There's an herb garden/seating area, two vegetable beds, seven fruit trees, and three non-fruiting trees. Although most of the gardeners are



older folk, two young boys joined their parents since this yard is too fun to resist! Complete with tree house, swing set and climb-on helicopter, the boys sure didn't get bored.

The food at the potlucks is always diverse and exotic. It was no different this time with solar lasagna (they called it "solagna"), prickly pear-grapefruit juice, scented geranium lemonade, fresh pesto with basil from the Newhouse garden, quinoa and pickled onions, not to mention the desserts!



### Baby N.

*We have a new foster son/ brother, a tiny thing at under 6 pounds. Not sure how long he'll be here, so everyone's enjoying him as much as they can every day! Joshua calls him "my baby" and likes to rub his head against the baby's soft little head just like his brother Daniel did to him. More information in next issue hopefully....*

## Train Museum Open House

Daniel and Joshua LOVE trains, whether they are playing with their set at home, playing with the set at Gramma & Papa's house, or watching videos about trains. So they were very excited to be able to visit the [train museum](#) here in Tucson. Not only could they enjoy watching the train sets, there were plenty of things they could touch. There's a small wooden train set (with plenty of cars to go around!), a "Thomas" electric train that they're able to run and plenty of buttons to push that make things in the scenery move and make noise!



*Book Nook By Bethany Newhouse*

*The Granny Game By Beverly Lewis*

When Abby's parents went on a trip, her Grandma came over to take care of them. Then their other very different Grandma came over for grandparents day. One ate healthy and was neat and one liked sugar and was goofy. The children were confused about who to obey. The grandmothers agreed there was a time for everything and to be a team.

### *In Memory of...Jeffrey J. Burgess*

A father of 3 beautiful daughters, Jeff died on May 29 at the age of 39. Kim played in a Christian band with him in High School and was delighted when he showed up at Christ Community Church 5 years ago to play in the rhythm section of the orchestra. He was joyful, fun, and a hard worker...he will be greatly missed. [Read his obituary.](#)

### Special Dates this Month

<i>Jordan Newhouse's Birthday</i>	<i>June 6, 1992</i>
<i>Ken &amp; Joan Unwin's Anniversary</i>	<i>June 8, 1968</i>
<i>Rebekah Triolo's Birthday</i>	<i>June 19, 1973</i>
<i>Norm &amp; Carol Newhouse's Anniversary</i>	<i>June 20, 1964</i>
<i>Fathers Day!!</i>	<i>June 21</i>
<i>Musical Boot Camp Performance,</i>	<i>June 25</i>
<i>Christ Community, 7pm (starring Moriah, Jordan &amp; friends)</i>	



## Sew...what's up?

Reach Out is a home arts club for girls and women that I started in January 2006. For the last three years, I've been running it pretty much by myself. Now I'm ready for some help :) We're taking the summer off to put together a leadership team of "older women" to teach the "younger women". Although I have a few ladies willing to help, I'm still hoping for more. If you are at all interested in anything home-art related (sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc.) I'd love to hear from you! I'm looking for any amount of help in the areas of teaching, administration, organization, etc.

[This is the link to a video we made to show at our church.](#) It highlights the first three years of Reach Out and explains where we're at now.



### Celebrity Corner: Pastor Bigimba from Burundi

Over the last several months our family has become involved with Goshen Ministries in Tucson. They have a ministry to refugees and a church that is primarily made up of refugees from Burundi, Africa. There are also 2 churches in Burundi and an orphanage that was started after the genocide there several years ago.

You can read more about the orphanage by reading [this ministry update letter](#), which tells about their new facility and highlights some needs that will help the children get moved in.



## May Rain in the Desert

Our monthly buying club food delivery happened at 7 a.m. under drizzly skies. Daniel, the 3 year old desert rat, stood outside in the rain and said, "I never been in the rain before!"

They all played outside for so long and got so cold that mom had to deliver a thermos of hot chocolate to the back yard. No, they did not play in the street - this was just a quick photo op of a rare sight: a river in the street!



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Above: 2,500 biodegradable balloons, one for each foster child in Pima County, were released at the [Blue Ribbon Heart Gallery Celebration](#) on May 2.

## The hardest Mother's Day secret EVER!!!

The first weekend of May there was a women's retreat that Mommy and Jordan went to. On the Saturday they were gone, the rest of us went to a foster/adoption celebration where the Heart Gallery was on display (click [here to learn more](#) about it). They had a clown, jumping castles and door prizes. Yes, we did win a prize, a gift certificate for a custom fragrance. We decided to keep it a secret from Mom so we could give it to her for Mothers Day. That was hard but that's not the end.

The day before Mother's Day, a Gluten-Free Food Fair was happening at our church. There was a silent auction raising money for the cause. One of the items was a getaway to Windmill Suites (our favorite hotel here in town) which included a gift certificate to Gadabout spa and dinner at a fancy restaurant near the hotel. Daddy could not resist putting in a bid. He looked up at the clock—12:59. One minute till the auction would end! He wrote down his name and the bid, right when the lady was taking the sheets away. Just in time!! But now I had a really big secret to keep till tomorrow!

The next morning at breakfast I could not stop smiling. Mom knew it was the present so she opened it last and *VERY*

slowly - on purpose - finally she opened it!!! She was very excited.

Hope all you mothers had a great Mother's Day and I hope you dads will have a good fathers day!

### DANIEL JACOB NEWHOUSE: POSTER CHILD FOR ADOPTION

Daniel's picture is being used in a televised public service announcement about adoption being shown on KGUN and in the magazine ad shown below. Joshua's image cannot yet be used because he's not officially adopted. We should have a date for that hearing before the judge soon.

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### MO'S HAIKU

*For Mommies*

*Moms are there for you  
Helping when you need them to  
Make sure you thank them!*

*For Daddies*

*Our Daddies are gifts  
Love gifts that God gives to us  
Love them while you can*

**Happy Father's Day!** Do you know there have been almost 10,000 views of the "Daddy" video we posted on tangle (formerly GodTube) last year at this time? Here it is if you want to see it again or pass it on to someone this Father's Day:

[When Daddy Says I'm Beautiful](#)

## Cute Quip

Apologies to those without web access, but this you've just got to see...

Click [here](#) to see Daniel's riddles