



Family Circus Children's Ministry Update  
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**"Bucket List"**

Hi again, friends.

A couple weeks ago, Sandy and I crossed off one of the items on our "bucket list."\* We flew to London to spend 10 days with our second son Ken, who is stationed there in the Air Force. We even got to meet his girlfriend Liz who flew in from where she teaches in another country. We had a wonderful time, and took a lot of pictures. By the end of our trip we added a daughter to our family (Though the date for the wedding has yet to be announced). Ken ask, and she answered. ;-)

\*A 'bucket list' is what you pray to accomplish before you *kick the bucket* (die).



Ministering to thousands of kids every week, we get exposed to all kinds of dubious blessings. This can include worms of various types, typhoid (I've had it 5 times), pink eye (locally known as sore eyes), and dengue fever. Also, Sandy and I have tested positive for tuberculosis. Sandy recovered after much prayer, medical help and TLC. I was miraculously healed. Now I test negative to TB.

One mother extended her hand to me this morning. I thought she wanted to shake my hand, but she gently extracted my hand from hers. Then I saw that it was covered with a skin infection suspiciously resembling leprosy, but she thinks it's something else.

We would still wholeheartedly tell you in all honesty that we wouldn't trade the privilege of working with these children and their parents for anything.

Last month, Sandy was suffering all the symptoms of dengue fever, also known as "the bone breaker fever" due to how it feels. She'd been under the weather for

almost three weeks, so we had a contest to see if we could get well enough to enjoy our trip. I was getting over a virus--typical cold symptoms--and a couple days earlier I fell and seriously sprained my ankle. Fortunately, though I hobbled a bit, I did get off the crutches and back on my feet again. *Ouch*. We needed to take care of all that before we flew out. ;-)



The trip to England we'd dreamed about ever since Bible college days (TBI (Trinity Bible Institute)). I have a few more items on the bucket list, including getting out of debt, which prayerfully will happen this year. Also, I would like an African Grey Parrot, which I understand will likely outlive me, and a Sheltie dog which I'll likely outlive (if I don't wait to long to get it). Ha ha!

For a couple of weeks we had a team from *Convoy of Hope* helping us to expand our garden and fish pond area. Our son DD went to Manila, to work with the COH team



to create a fish pond and garden at the King's Garden orphanage. At the same time he did some of the political work needing to get permission for the Bone Collector Museum which is looking better all the time. He's working to create it as his tentmaker project while his

family works with us in ministry. When God called them to join us in ministry, their USA income from the government funded fire fighting job was significant. Abandoning it to answer the call, their monthly salary is about equal to what they used to make in one day. Yet they have learned to have joy in little while serving God in ministry with their two small miracle children. It has taught them another level of walking by faith. ;-)

David, our youngest son, and Chenelle are planning their wedding in Indiana June 11<sup>th</sup>...\* A busy and blessed year. Prayers appreciated!

We are all safe. We thank the Lord for his providing resources and protecting us from the dangers that have been on all sides of us, especially recently from the earthquakes and Tsunami in Japan.

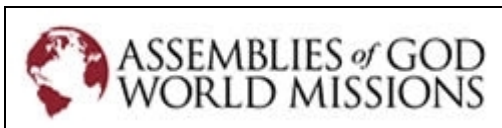
Construction has been moving slowly. We're trying to pace our work to the funds as they arrive. A group of

WMs (Women's Ministry) came from Hawaii and helped our kids with supplies and material to make school bags, and gave assistance painting and working toward getting the cafeteria operational.

Also, thanks to the Kevin who saved up funds for almost year to give us a well. We've drilled, reaching a good supply of water at about 120 feet. It is just getting completed. That will provide water for the garden and fish pond. Depending on the test results it will prayerfully also provide potable water.

We're prayerfully getting closer to the time to get the cafeteria operating. Step by step, by faith.

In the King's tender harvest,  
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