



# Around the Ranch

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## Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save Campbell's UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for equipment for our Learning Center.
- Save General Mills Box Top Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—10¢ each! This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids and other needs.
- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—3¢ each.

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## God's Timing For His Garden Of Hope

As summer is rapidly coming to a close, we are now preparing for fall and the expanded ministry of Alpha Christian Children's Home that will nearly double the number of children being served at one time. God has been faithful in bringing us to this point. With the help of many volunteers, we have seen our campus transformed into a vibrant place to minister to children. God has brought together a wonderful staff to serve the children, and He has blessed us with additional funds to help meet our goals.

Chuck and Mary Plant arrived on June 1<sup>st</sup> to begin house parenting at Alpha House. They stepped out on faith, moving before their house sold. Even now, their house in Ohio has still not sold, so they are making plans to rent it out while they minister here in Kansas. We have been working diligently to get Ron and Peni Achimire here this fall for Hope House. They face a similar predicament with their home. They are presently caring for Chuck and

Mary's home as they work toward selling their own. Because of the decrease in

ing. So far great things are happening with the seeds that have been planted.



**Alpha Family**

Back L-R: McKayla, Mary (Mom), Chuck (Dad), Gabe  
Front L-R: Kaitlyn, Rachel, Keyshaun, Kane, Bekah

Complimenting Jeff and Devin Mulpas' continued service to some of the children as house parents, Chuck and Mary have become a tremendous asset to the Alpha ministry as we have utilized their skills and passion for the Lord. Just as harvest comes after a time of waiting on the Lord to grow the seeds, we now must wait for a short while for the Lord

to handle these needs. Perhaps we could force this expansion now, but stepping outside of the Lord's timing would not be wise.

salary by coming to Alpha, moving prior to selling their house is not an option for them. Furthermore, we have not yet raised sufficient funds to operate the entire campus at full capacity. We still need a few thousand dollars a month to operate at 100 percent capacity. So we feel it is in the best interest of all to wait on the Lord and call the saints into earnest prayer.

As we wrote in the spring, we have been working toward planting a garden of Hope, helping children in need of hope and heal-

***We now ask you to partner with us in fervent prayer regarding these two things:***

1. ***Pray for the sale of both the Plants' Home and the Achamires' Home back in Ohio.***
2. ***Pray that God will continue to grow the financial support needed to nearly double the number of children we serve at Alpha Christian Children's Home.***

## Kaitlyn: Why I love Alpha!



When I first came to Alpha, I was really scared. Now that I have learned everyone is really nice, I am actually calm. I love Alpha. It is like my second home.

When I first came to Alpha, they knew all about me as soon as I came. They started right away to try to teach me good habits. I also am

thankful for Alpha because they have taught me things I never knew. Most of all, I am thankful for Alpha because they have taught me more about Christ. *I am so glad God sent me to the perfect place for me right now.*

By Kaitlyn, age 10

## Gardner-Edgerton High School Collects Mile of Pennies



Photo courtesy of The Topeka Capital-Journal (L-R) senior Bryce Reeves, teacher Andrew Easton, and senior Aubrey Young.

Aubrey Young, senior at the Gardner-Edgerton High School, Gardner, Kansas, contacted us earlier this year to ask about adopting the "Mile of Pennies" fund-raising idea for a class project at her high school. She had seen the "Mile of Pennies Challenge" posted on our website, and wanted to propose that challenge as an entry among other student entries to be voted on for adoption as a school-wide outreach project for the spring 2010 semester.

**The Mile of Pennies Challenge won the vote**, and the students went to work organizing

their school-wide campaign to collect a mile of pennies over that semester to benefit the children at Alpha. They also challenged the Perry-Lecompton High School here locally to do the same, and the race was on!

At the end of the semester, the students planned a fun day to spend with our kids, and they brought the proceeds of their collections, as well as many other gifts, including tickets to a T-Bones baseball game, with the privilege to throw out the first pitch. Pictured

below is our Kane doing just that! Many thanks to Aubrey, Bryce Reeves, and Andrew Easton who worked hard to benefit our kids!

**For more information about the "Mile of Pennies Challenge," go to our website and click at the top on the "Mile of Pennies Challenge" link.**



## Kids Corner

The kids have had a GREAT summer! They enjoyed many

fun outdoor activities, from swimming and picnicking at

the lake, to playing softball out in the field (left), to having water



fighters (center) outside on the hottest of days. They also enjoyed many educational field trips this year, including one to the Lawrence Fire Station where they were shown how the rescue tools work.

# Volunteers Make A Tremendous Difference!

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Dear Volunteers,

We want to sincerely thank you for all you have accomplished here at Alpha in 2010! Without



you we could not achieve the goals we are reaching every day. You are all important and irreplaceable

in our work to touch the lives of children in need. We have been blessed beyond measure by your willingness and eagerness to serve Christ by serving

His little ones. If I listed everything you have done for us, this letter would go on and on! Suffice it to say, we couldn't do it without you! So again, Thank You! May God bless you, as you have blessed us!

Devin Mulpas  
Volunteer Coordinator

### 2010 Volunteers Included:

Kansas-Nebraska Campers on Mission, Salina, Kansas

Berryton Kiwanis Club, Berryton, Kansas

Gardner-Edgerton High School, Gardner, Kansas

Faith Fellowship Jr Hi Group, Oregon, Missouri

Centropolis Christian Church, Ottawa, Kansas

Superior Church of Christ Youth, Superior, Nebraska

Rolling Hills Christian Church, Topeka, Kansas

Shawnee Heights Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas

Walnut View Christian Church, Topeka, Kansas

Eastminster Presbyterian Youth, Wichita, Kansas

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, Wichita, Kansas

Valley Falls Christian Church, Valley Falls, Kansas

Westlink Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas



## Drew Culbreth Visits With The Kids

Drew Culbreth and Nikki Lankford came out to speak to our children in the learning center about their experiences as missionaries who were imprisoned in Haiti.

Our children had been praying for these people while they were imprisoned over there, and it was good for the kids to be able to meet them and hear their story.

Pictured are Drew (far left), Nikki (center in white), and



our kids, in the Learning Center at Alpha.

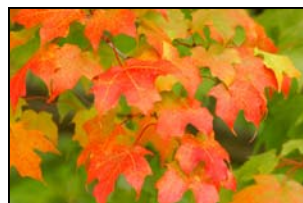
Also take notice of how nice our teacher, Terri Schupbach, has made the Learning Center for the children. She does a great job, and has become an important member of Alpha's team!

Come & see during our Fall Open House event!

## Garden of Hope, Cont'd

We trust that God will handle these two things, and that we can soon report another story of how God moved in a mighty way. It has only been through Him that we have gone thus far, so why would He not provide after bringing us to this point.

We also make this covenant with you: "We will



wait actively and continue to do our part to grow the Lord's Ministry." In Psalm 5:3, David wrote, "In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I

lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." And again in Psalm 33:20, "We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield."

**Opportunities to Connect:**  
*Fall Open House Sept. 25th*

*National Missionary Convention Nov 18-21 in Lexington, Kentucky*

## Tribute Gifts

### In Honor Of:

**Hal & Lois Henegar**  
By Terrill & Carol Williams, Paola, KS

**Eric & Sharlene Showalter**  
By Bart & Deb Showalter and Douglas & Jeanine Wells, Topeka, KS

### In Memory Of:

**Lou & Louise Holmes**  
By Diane Koester, Gilbert, AZ

**Kenneth & Agnes Lagree**  
By David & Janet Wright, Lewisville, TX



**Fannie Russell**  
By Eva Lee Stude, Sublette, KS

**Stanley White**  
By Patrick & Mary Otero, Joplin, MO

**Thelma White**  
By Dr. Jerry White, Bois D'Arc, MO  
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## Mission Needs



**Fruit Juices**, Lite Syrup, Eggos, Fresh Milk, Fresh Fruit (grapes, oranges, apples, bananas), Frozen Fruit (strawberries, cherries, peaches), Fresh Vegetables (corn on the cob, celery, carrots, potatoes, onions, lettuce, tomatoes), Frozen Vegetables, Can Fruit, Block Cheeses, Shredded Cheddar & Mozzarella, Sliced American & Provalone, Cream Cheese, Frozen Corn Dogs, Frozen Burritos, Pickles, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, Olive Oil Cooking Spray, Olive Oil, Margarine, Butter Flavor Crisco Sticks, Frosting, Powdered Sugar, Granulated Sugar, Brown Sugar, Kansas City Style Steak Seasoning, Spaghetti Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Mushrooms, Olives, Chili, "Cream of" Soups, Velveeta, Instant Tea, Tea Bags, Coffee Creamer.

No Rub Contact Solution, **Liquid Hand Soap or Refills**, Shaving Cream or Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Zip Lock Bags – snack, sandwich, quart & gallon size, Plastic Wrap, Size 13 & 39 Gallon Trash Bags, **Toilet Paper, Paper Towels**, Napkins, Sponges, White Vinegar, Pledge, Lysol, Windex, Pine-sol, Ajax, **Dish Soap, Dishwasher Detergent**, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Toilet Cleaner, Chicken Feed for Layer Hens, Size 5 & 6 Diapers.

**Kitchen/Bath Linens, New Pillows, Brooms, Dust Pans, Mops, Carpet Shampoo, Clear Contact Paper, Backpacks, Reusable Lunch Size Containers & Drink Bottles.**

## Special Projects

- *Paper Towels, Toilet Paper!*
- **Living Room Sectional for Alpha House**
- Electric Range—\$400
- New Twin Sheet Sets
- Kick Balls, Soccer Balls, Basketballs, Volleyballs
- 6 Bean Bag Chairs
- Generator for Alpha House
- New Brush Hog—\$750 at TSC
- Pickup Truck, Minivan, 15 Passenger Van

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

Call us to set up a date for a tour or to request a speaker for your gathering ...  
**(785) 597-5235.**



## 2010 Totals

Campbell's Points:  
 Computer Ordered!!

General Mills Box Tops:  
 15,500 x 10¢ each= \$1,550

Best Choice UPC Symbols:  
 14,000 = \$420