



# The Family Report

## *Loving God...*

## *Loving You...*

**August 3, 2008** WWW.LOVINGGODLOVINGYOUONLINE.COM **Volume 2, Issue 12**

### Life without “Limb-its”

I have read and believed Philippians 4:11-12 which speaks of Paul’s ability to be content given any circumstance. I have been inspired and lifted up by the words of Casting Crown’s “Praise You in This Storm” and December Radio’s “Find You Waiting.” I have even had the blessing of a godly mother who can find an abundance of joy in the blooming of a flower or the singing of a bird while the rest of her world spins out of control. Still yet, complete contentment, calmness, inner peace, and stillness are things I struggle with even in my current overly blessed and basically quiet life. It is for this reason I was held in complete awe and humility in front of Nick Vujicic.

While I have only met Nick through the DVD that was played at our last movie night, I did get to know him and appreciate him, nonetheless. And because this bulletin reaches many people who were unable to get acquainted with Nick that night, I have chosen to introduce him to you. I am confident he will be an inspiration to you, as well.

Nick was born 25 years ago to Christian parents working with a newly planted church in Australia. Nick’s mom was a nurse who was so worried about her unborn child’s health that she refused to take so much as a Tylenol during her pregnancy.

Despite her efforts, her son was born with no arms, no legs, and no medical explanation for this anomaly. Nick’s father thought during those days that his first child would not make it. His mother was so distraught she could hardly even look at him. His church family mourned at what they called a tragedy.

It didn’t take long, though, for them to love and adore this baby, and to rest in the knowledge that he was perfectly healthy in every other way.

Little Nick flourished with the praise and encouragement of family and friends and was one of the first children with a physical disability such as his to be integrated into public school.

It was at school that Nick faced one of his toughest obstacles. The constant taunting he received from classmates resulted in the ten year old contemplating forms of suicide.

Thankfully, though, he opted to turn to the Lord for help. He recalls literally begging God to allow him to miraculously grow arms and legs. He knew God could do it, and thought of what a great testimony that would be to bring people to Christ.

It took several years for Nick to realize that God had a purpose for him even without

limbs, and that his testimony could bring people to Christ just the way it was.

His independent nature helped him learn to walk/hop, swim, write, type more than 40 words per minute, and dress himself. Nick gave his first talk when he was 17. He was encouraged by a friend who later died due to muscular degeneration to make motivational speaking his career.

Today Nick is involved with a full time ministry, Life without Limbs, and travels the world speaking to groups of all sizes, ages, and backgrounds. He is most interested in working with youth to try to prevent some of the bullying he suffered, as well as to lower teen suicide rates. His goal is to share the message that God has a plan for every one’s life (Jeremiah 29:11).

While Nick says that he has bad days just like every one else, he doesn’t let his lack of appendages get him down. He enjoys living a full life and echoes Paul (Philippians 4:13) by saying, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Visit [www.lifewithoutlimbs.org](http://www.lifewithoutlimbs.org) for more information or to purchase DVD.

Information taken from [lifewithoutlimbs.org](http://lifewithoutlimbs.org), news articles linked from LWL website, and Life’s Greater Purpose DVD.

***Don't forget our next fellowship night...  
August 31st @ 6 pm @ the building  
Food, fun, and fellowship***

***Come out and enjoy an evening with our missionaries  
before they leave for Tambov on September 2nd.***

### Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Craft

*This is a nice craft to go along with the story of Joseph found in Genesis 37-50.*

You will need coffee filters, markers, a spray bottle full of water, and scissors.

Flatten out a coffee filter on a plate or work surface. Roughly color the filter with various markers.

Spray the filter with water and allow to dry (usually takes less than an hour). You can use a blow dryer on low to speed up the process.

Cut the shape of a coat out of the filter. The coat can be glued onto a paper doll.



Taken from [www.dltk-bible.com](http://www.dltk-bible.com).

We are currently gathering items for a care package for Justin, Wayne's son, while he is away serving our country. Please see the list of needed items and sign up to contribute something and let Justin know that he is in our thoughts and prayers.

**Happy Birthday!**  
**Amy K. (3rd)**  
**Ron (5th)**  
**Wes (20th)**  
**Jessie (26th)**  
**Eden (27th)**  
**Hannah-Grace (29th)**

## *Prayer and Praise Report*

We have a wonderful privilege and honor to go to God in prayer. As you pray, please remember the following people:

**Edward**, Vicki's father, is dealing with several health issues.

**Nita M.** is having eye problems.

**Vince**, Stacy's brother, has scar tissue on his brain. Thankfully, his headaches are getting better.

**Shirley**, Luther's daughter, is suffering from lupus.

**Kevin**, Randy's brother, is battling an addiction to drugs.

**Olivia M.** has cancer. She is only 6 years old.

**Karen**, Wes's co-worker, has cancer.

We want to always remember the entire **Tambov congregation** in our prayers. Let us pray that they will have strong leadership.

We also want to pray for the upcoming trip to Russia that several of our members will be taking in September.

Also, **Boris**, in Russia, is still waiting for a cornea transplant. His grandfather is ill, as well.

**Nelly**, Pat's mom, is suffering from a blockage in

her neck.

**Bart**, Cassandra's brother, has made poor decisions about his marriage.

One of Randy's co-worker's wife is suffering from cancer.

Additionally, remember **Jim C., Ron and Greta, Garcia's father**, and **Alden** (Wes's uncle).

**Greg**, Donna's son, is suffering from an autoimmune disease.

**Clara**, Paulette's mom, is terminally ill. Also, **Paulette**, in Texas, is suffering from bulging discs.

**Shirley W.** has kidney cancer.

**Donna** is suffering from eye problems.

**John H.** is suffering from shingles and is still having problems with his eye.

**Jerry**, Jeff's friend, is having complications after a heart transplant.

**Jack**, Todd's dad, had a mini stroke.

**Bob**, Henry's brother, has cancer that has come out of remission.

**Stacy**, Stacy's friend's sister, has breast cancer.

**Hal M**, Donna's friend, has esophagus cancer.

Johnie's baby cousin, **Connor**, is suffering from the effects of shaken

baby syndrome.

**Ben**, Luther's brother, is terminally ill.

**Carolyn**, Luke's daughter-in-law, is suffering from health problems.

**Phil D.** is recuperating from knee surgery. We also want to pray for Phil's family as they are facing several hardships.

**Justin**, Wayne's son, is currently serving in Iraq.

We also want to remember the upcoming Fall Festival in our prayers. We need to start preparing for another successful event.

We always want to remember our brothers and sisters around the world who are being persecuted because of their love of Christ.

We also don't want to forget to thank God and praise Him for all of His wonderful blessings.

We are thankful for the Lord blessing our efforts in raising money during the garage sale. The weather, the fellowship, and the funds raised for Russia are most surely a wonderful gift from Him.

We are also thankful for the 4th of July Parade and Springnigans event going well.

Praise God!!!

## *Our Vision*

### **Community**

It is our vision to become an active member of our immediate community; to provide hope, help, love, acceptance, and spiritual encouragement.

### **Growth**

It is our vision to welcome new people into the fold, and help them discover the gifts and talents that God gave them to be used in proclaiming Christ to a lost and dying world.

### **Faithful to God's Word**

It is our vision to remain faithful to God's word, to place Christ first in everything we do, and to allow ourselves to be led only by His Word and Holy Spirit.

### **Concern for Others**

It is our vision to become intimately aware of the needs of our congregation and community and to actively try to meet those needs.

### **Evangelism (Reaching the Lost)**

It is our vision to focus intently on ways to reach the lost in our local community and in foreign lands, and to send missionaries from the body on short and long term mission projects.

### **Leadership**

It is our vision to have scriptural leadership; to have elders, deacons, and teachers within the next two years.

### **Family Atmosphere/Relationships**

It is our vision to maintain and promote a true family environment where all may feel they belong and everyone knows each other's name.

*Please join us in worshipping God!!!*

*Sunday morning children's study: 9:20am*

*Sunday morning worship: 10 am*

*Wednesday evening chapter study: 7 pm*

*803 W. 63rd St South*

*Wichita, KS 67217*

*[www.lovinggodlovingyouonline.org](http://www.lovinggodlovingyouonline.org)*