



WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS 2024

WITH LOVE FROM THE BUSSEN FAMILY IN PA-USA & CANADA

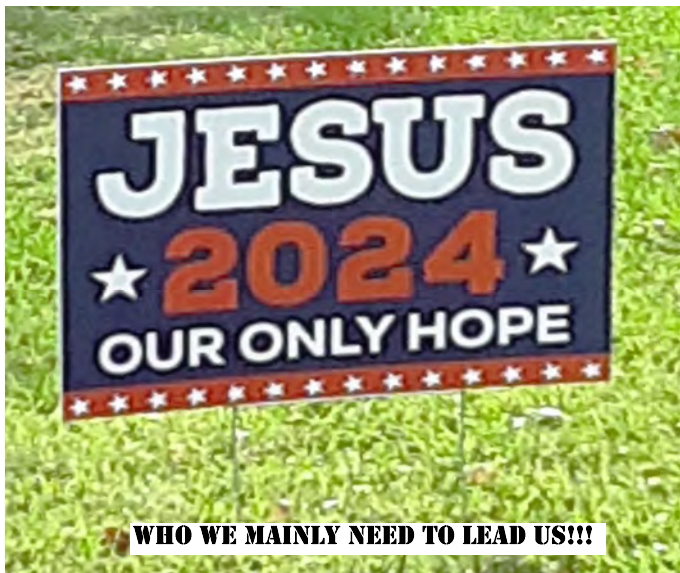


OLD ST. MICK & SIDEKICK (THE MRS) -
OLD ST. NIC'S SIBLINGS (IN CHRIST)

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For
God so
loved the
world He gave
His one and only
Son that whoever
believes in Him shall not
perish but have eternal life
John
3:16



THE BUSSEN FAMILY CHRISTMAS WRAP UP OF 2024: MICHAEL & RENAE - 2024 was another year of endeavoring to fulfill our calling as two of God's heralds (along with those Angels on that first Noel) distributing & proclaiming the Gospel Good News of Great Joy about Jesus, the Heavenly Savior (to around fifteen thousand kids, youth & adults so far). He came to insure that anybody's life can have a happy ending of living happily ever after (and that ain't no fairytale)! We can also experience the joy of the Lord as our strength throughout our earthly journey as well. But only those with humble, seeking, and repentantly-believing hearts can receive that, by personally praying to invite/receive Christ Jesus into their lives as their God-King & Savior, just like Mary & Joseph, and a bunch of shepherds, and even wise foreign Kings did, along with appropriately grateful awe & worship! **Lowlights & Highlights of our 2024:** We started out the year with a difficult **lowlight**, as when visiting Renae's Mom in MN, we returned from an outing to find her unconscious and at death's door. Thank God we arrived in time to be able to get her the emergency medical help that saved her life. Unfortunately she never returned home, but the family was grateful to have a further 6 months to visit (at the Hospital & Nursing care) and love on her before she passed into eternity. Near the end she made it clear that she was calling on, and putting her full trust in Jesus Christ alone to save her soul and take her to Heaven. We thank the Lord that, in June, Renae had another opportunity to go to Minnesota to help care for MY Mom, who broke her arm in a fall. Renae was just finishing up her several weeks there when the call came that her own Mom was near the end. So Renae was able to get there immediately, that very day. Thank the Lord her Mom rallied and Renae, along with her siblings, and other relatives & friends, got a whole week to say their loving good-byes. Her passing in July gave opportunity for 3 of our adult kids to join the Bormann-Lund family reunion as we all honored Renae's dear Mom with a loving send-off. It also gave us all a great opportunity to reunion with my Mom and the Bussen side of the fam in Minnesota as well, for the first time in too many years (my Mom turns 94 this month, and is still in pretty good shape & spirits, and is a BIG blessing to still have around)! A 2024 **highlight** was celebrating our 43rd anniv at the Jersey shore, and getting in a lot of our new love of Pickleball. Also, we had a great Spring family reunion **highlight** at our house, with all the Canada & PA fam, including all 4 Grandkids (a very rare occasion). **The BIG highlight** of the year was our Spring missions trip to Ecuador for our OAC Mission's International conference, with Jesus-evangelists from all over the world. We stayed in the most unique conference center, in the jungle, which felt like we were on Gilligan's Island (staying in really cool bamboo huts, and eating in an open air thatched roof dining hall, and I even ate a fried grub-worm). So, we got to experience being jungle missionaries, if only for a very short term. We had tremendous fellowship with fantastic folks from around 19 nations, and had some tremendous outreaches, creatively giving out the Gospel to some 5000 Ecuadorians over the week. The most amazing outreach experience for Renae & I was going to a remote jungle location, where I had the opportunity to proclaim the Good-news Gospel to a tribe named after, and known for worshipping a demon-idol. That would normally be scary, but the Chief had contracted cancer and feared for his life, and so asked for us to come, when hearing we were in the area. God did an amazing miracle, as along with the Chief, nearly the whole tribe joyously responded by prayfully receiving Jesus as their Lord & Savior! Anyway, as the new year approaches, we are looking forward to wrapping up this year with 2 more long but worth-it road-trips, to see our Canadian & Minnesotan families some more (for Thanksgiving & Christmas), and then see what God has in store for 2025! **Maranatha - (may this be the year of our BIGGEST highlight ever - Jesus' rapture of His own)!**



WHO WE MAINLY NEED TO LEAD US!!!



Chief Luis & Tribe turning from darkness to light in the Lord



KAY AND THE BORMANN "KIDS" - (and now she is happily in Heaven with her other 2 precious daughters, Michelle & Mary Katherine, and with Marv)



Teaching lots of public school kids the most important lessons of their lives - Bible lessons



My Ode to Kay Bormann
By Michael Bussen
(July 2024)

Born as a beautiful Princess among Gnomes
In Gnome-town USA,
Kay married into a down-to-earth life
Of becoming a farmer's wife,
But she always maintained a good stylish way.

Whether glamping up in dress,
Or in decorating her home,
She never gave in to being a plain-Jane Gnome.

Her greatest accomplishment,
Along with pleasing a Marv-elous man,
Was to raise five kids
To each have a flourishing life-span.

Well do I know the motherly blessing
She was in life,
Since having received the benefit
Of one of her daughters as my wonderful wife.

My kids felt it even more,
And loved our trips to the farm
With Grandma treats and blessings galore
And big hugs from her loving arms.

Life took a difficult turning
As Marv moved too early to on High,
For his love she kept yearning,
And could not help but to continue to sigh.

Yet, she sought and found grace
In God's Word and the Lord,
So, while expressing her pain in her face
She would still give us all the love she could afford.

As the end of life's journey drew near
She rallied back from the brink,
And for one last week, for all who could hear
She helped us all think
That to her we are all dear,
Then she was gone in a blink.

She also made it evident in the end
She trusted Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and Friend,
And if you will too, you can join her on High,
Along with Marv and Michelle and Mary Kathryn,
In the Great by and by.



A BORMANN-LUND REUNION

A Minnesota Bussen Family Reunion

