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An Invitation from Our President

I've asked KidZ at Heart's President and CEO, Gordon West, to share with you some exciting plans we have to continue developing our KidZ at Home initiative. We want to invite you to help parents across North America and around the world help their own children fall deeply in love with Jesus. Please take a moment to watch this brief video (approximately 5 minutes—click link [here](#) or go to <https://youtu.be/pZrmbXlfSt0>).

God's Faithfulness...Through All Generations

If I were writing a script that turns the book of Ruth into a movie, I'm not sure I'd retain her name as the title. It's true, this poignant story is about a young woman whose courageous choices put her into the genealogy of Jesus, no less. But the unfolding drama begins and ends with another woman, Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi. Yes, Ruth, the younger woman, was beautiful as well as devoted not only to Naomi, but to Naomi's God. She was willing to take risks. Yet, it is Naomi who guides Ruth throughout the narrative. Many Bible stories involve mothers and Ruth joins their ranks. But there's something special about Naomi.

The story's closing verses tell of her fame. Women friends said things like, "May this child (Ruth's and Boaz's firstborn) be famous in Israel. May he restore your youth (Naomi's) and care for you in your old age." Then the story writer adds that *Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. (Ruth 4:16 NLT) She cared for him as if he were her own.* So the story begins with Naomi who was by the end, a grandmother.

In Africa we heard, "The first child is for the grandmother." Whatever that meant then, I know that in today's North American culture many women raise their children's children. We can honor those who are much like Naomi, pray for them and support their efforts. They are, after all, **grand** mothers indeed.

For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation. Psalm 100:5

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KidZ at Home

Life has changed dramatically for families around the world as we all scramble to understand how to deal with COVID-19. Our struggles during this current pandemic are real, painful and may have brought unexpected grieving and loss into our lives.

But I think you will agree that good has come from this unusual time as well. Families have been motivated to find new ways to spend time together, connect relationally and be creative together. We are all rethinking our role in the family as parents or grandparents, and, spiritually, we are rethinking our role as those who disciple our children and the role of the church in equipping families spiritually. Prayers have been increasing in intensity over the past few years for God to draw the hearts of the family together and to love God deeply together. As a result, in ministry to children, the focus during this time has been to develop practical ways that families can draw together in spiritually as they live everyday life together. Sounds like Deuteronomy 6:4-7, doesn't it? Check out [KidZ at Home \(www.kidzathome.org\)](http://www.kidzathome.org) for resources that will help you help the kids in your life love Jesus more deeply.

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.



RAMADAN...

...ends May 23. This 30-day period is when Muslims refocus their devotion to Islam by daily fasting from food and water from sunrise to sundown. It ends with times of feasting and celebration. Many Christians, taking seriously the need to reach Muslims with the winsome, powerful love of Jesus, spend RAMADAN with special prayer effort themselves.

The organization, Frontiers USA (www.frontiersusa.org) offers an abundance of excellent online and printed material to help us learn about Islam and pray for Muslims with understanding and compassion. Christianity and Islam, with more than 1.5 billion adherents each, are the largest religious systems on the planet. Even beyond RAMADAN we can intercede for these people, some of whom may well be living just down the street from us. A faithful Muslim prays five times a day. This challenges our devotion to Jesus who died for us all.

Prayer Requests

- PRAISE God for his wisdom granted in the broadcast of *KidZ at Home*, and accompanying online resources that speak to the hearts of parents-at-home, a new phenomenon for many.
- PRAY for me as I join a new ministry team enabling me to write more 'digital content,' possibly on a wider range of topics. PRAY for increased stamina and good health as I continue serving.
- PRAY that still another roofing carpenter, recently contacted, will not only repair my mobile home's roof but will fix the damage done by the last roofing contractor's attempt to stop the leaks.

Financial Support Update

Monthly Support 100%

Currently covered by supporters (Thank You!)

Join my Support Team

Updates and Prayer – Are there others you know who would like to receive my monthly updates? Please contact me with details so I can verify contact information and their desire to be connected. My contact information is listed on page 1 of this newsletter.

Finances – Would you prayerfully consider giving to KidZ at Heart as we help children fall deeply in love with Jesus? Donations are received securely online or by check.

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