

# The Glance

Winter 2020

## Shirley Friedl August 14, 1934-July 10, 2020

The photo you see here of Bob and Shirley Friedl is one taken of a large, new portrait hanging in our office as a continual commemoration of the Lord's faithfulness through our two founders. Shirley's Home-Going on July 10, 2020, following several months of declining health was a bitter-sweet event for all of us at GHH and most especially for Jeff and Robin who so faithfully cared for mom, Shirley. The way in which Shirley loved children will continue to inspire us as we soldier on without her. Her connection with the children taking her correspondence lessons was personal as she prayed for them and sent gifts on special occasions. This love was exemplified in all parts of her life beginning with her own family. Bob and Shirley adored one another throughout almost 60 years of marriage and they raised their family to love Christ as they served Him together. While Bob was the visual artist of the team, Shirley was the writer. She would write puppet scripts and then Bob would have to create the puppets! His chalk drawings would not have been complete without Shirley reading the inspirational thoughts she had penned to go along with each picture. Shirley often remarked that it wasn't fair that Bob had gone to heaven without her! Being reunited with Bob was Shirley's greatest desire second only to her desire to be with Jesus Himself, and now both desires are fully realized! Her exemplification of ministry as a writer and storyteller coupled with Bob's creativity as chalk artist and their collective drive to share the Gospel to children has laid the firm foundation of ministry philosophy of God's Helping Hands. As we move forward into yet unexplored years of ministry, we also cling to Shirley's life verse, Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God."



## Carrying the Light Forward

Winter is upon us and as the cold and darkness of the season tightens its grip on our lives, we combat it by flicking on more lights. We do this out of necessity, but we also do it with a certain amount of joy as we take extra pleasure in using lights creatively to celebrate Christmas and the first advent of the Light of the World. Truly, the world around us continues in spiritual darkness. But here at God's Helping Hands, we aren't shining the light of Jesus simply out of necessity; we take great joy in festooning a darkened world with the light of Jesus with creativity and with purpose! When you partner with one of our missionaries, you aren't just helping to supply a needed light; you are joining a party of joyful believers who have decorated their lives with the Gospel as a living invitation to a world that needs Him!



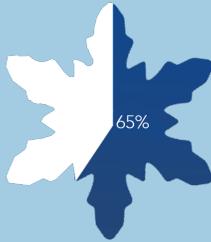
Jeff serves as President and works within the ministry building sets and props as well as maintaining the facilities and vehicles. Robin is our editor and also works in office administration and puppet costume design.



The Knobloch family is part of the presentation team as puppeteers. Chris serves as Vice-President and works within the ministry writing the content for live presentations, films, audio broadcasts and printed materials. Amber serves developing and sewing puppets and costumes.



Nicole is a member of the presentation team as a puppeteer. She serves as the ministry's set artist designing stages and props, and also works developing and building puppets.



Juli is a member of the presentation team as a puppeteer. She also serves as Business Administrator at the office fulfilling such duties as payroll, mailings and donor management.



Katie serves as the ministry's part-time tech advisor maintaining the website as well as internal technical needs. Once her support level reaches a sustainable minimum level, she will join the ministry on a more permanent basis.



# Christmas Gift Catalog to benefit the Reach More Campaign

Here's an opportunity to fill that Christmas stocking or check a name off of your list while simultaneously reaching more children through the GHH Reach More Campaign!

Here's how it works: Each gift listed has a suggested donation amount. Choose your gift, send your special one-time donation and we will send that gift to you as our Christmas thank you! Through the end of 2020, all gifts received in this way will go toward the Reach More Campaign. We are on a roll — over 50% of the projected need!



**Sleepytime with Stephen and Lydia (Audio CD)**

This compilation CD is a collection of specially curated episodes of the weekly podcast, "Off Hand with Stephen and Lydia," for playing at bedtime. Many parents tell us that Stephen and Lydia's discussions of God's Word are the perfect bedtime activity. Suggested Donation: \$10



**"Reactions:" a Bible Study for home or classroom**

This 10 lesson teachers' guide makes for a fun and spiritually rewarding family time. Each lesson includes targeted Bible references, creative illustrations, a discussion guide, a short DVD introduction with the GHH puppets and more! Suggested Donation: \$20



**God's Helping Hands 40th Anniversary Tumbler**

This high-quality tumbler commemorating God's faithfulness over four decades keeps hot for 8 hours and cold for 18 hours! It also serves as a great prayer reminder! Suggested Donation: \$40

An order form for the Christmas Gift Catalog to benefit the Reach More Campaign is on the backside of the inserted regular donation slip.

## Important Current Need:

While this newsletter was being prepared, it was discovered that the GHH travel bus has a major engine problem. God's timing is perfect as we will have the winter months to get it fixed before it is needed in the spring. This will be a financial need. We are eager to see the Lord's provision.

**Best Case Scenario:** \$13,000

**Worst Case Scenario:** \$18,000

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