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Has a photo ever transformed your life?

By Paul Glidewell

Last January my wife Katrina showed me the picture below, taken in an orphanage, that forever changed our lives.

So it was, on May 22nd in Ethiopia, we tightly held our new son and daughter for the very first time...Katrina and I fighting tears, the little ones wide-eyed, not yet comprehending the significance of our hugs. One week and 34 hours of journey time later, the four of us arrived home!

These first couple months have been interesting and entertaining. Their unfamiliarity with the English language, American culture and Glidewell household rules can often result in misunderstandings, irrational tears and even tantrums (and that's just Katrina and me ☺).

But it also brings laughter, memories and small delights like introducing new and wonderful elements such as 'Pizza!'



Atsede age 4, Kebrom age 3

(a favorite) and
'Nana's Swimming Pool!' (another favorite).

Many ask us why we chose to adopt. A blog at www.kissesfromkatie.blogspot.com actually could not have expressed it any better, "...adopting these children, it is not optional. It is not my good deed for the day, it is not what I am doing to 'help these poor kids out.' I adopt because God commands me to care for the orphans and widows in their distress. I adopt because to whom much has been given, much will be demanded. I adopt because whoever finds his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for HIS sake will find it."

And that sums it up perfectly. To learn more about our adoption story and see more photos, please visit Katrina's blog at <http://8pjammas.blogspot.com/>



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! WOMAN HIT BY RUNAWAY BUGGY!

Does this sound like a 1905 headline? This recently happened to one of our insured's!... well...sort of.

Olive Frey, a GIIG customer, was climbing into her vehicle when she heard a 'CRUNCH'. Her vehicle had just been hit by a runaway Amish horse and carriage!



Safeco, who insures Ms. Frey's vehicle, listed the year, make and model of the 'offending vehicle' as a "1900 unknown buggy" and the damage was described as "broken in pieces, lost its wheels"

This earned the official GIIG "Most Unique Claim of the Month" award!

If you have an interesting claim story that we can share, please let us know at info@giig.com

Congratulations to Brandon = Good News for YOU!



Are you familiar with Dave Ramsey – www.daveramsey.com – the nationally recognized budgeting guru? Recently, our Home & Auto agent, Brandon Smith, earned the honor of being one of Dave's 'Endorsed Local Providers' (ELP).

As an ELP, Brandon is qualified to help customers evaluate the most appropriate coverage and limits for their situation while keeping their insurance costs at a minimum.

This is a perfect partnership for GIIG because our goal is that

all your insurance costs are at a minimum. So if you haven't recently reviewed your insurance policies – or

even annuities – better schedule your review! To schedule your review, call Brandon Smith at 258-0022.



NEW WEBSITE YOU'RE GONNA LOVE!



Fights, debates and even lawsuits over the new Health Reform are raging in various areas of the Country.

How does this affect **you, here in Montana?** More than you might realize. Ramifications of health reform changes are discovered daily...**and these can vary State by State!**

Therefore, I created a web-site that guides **Montanans** through these changes, and provides solutions.

Not only that, but we've already contacted local physicians and other health reform 'insiders' to also provide tidbits and updates that they learn which will help Montanans **come out on top!**

Begin visiting www.mymontanahealthinsurance.com on a daily basis and you'll learn how to improve your health care, your finances and your life!

"That 'Turkey Display' is magnificent!"



Many of you have said that... and now...if that display would enhance a room in your home, it can be yours!

**Call Carolyn
Glidewell at
258-0024 to**

submit your name to be drawn for this beautiful art display. Drawing will be held October 9th (yep, you astute hunters out there noticed that is opening day of hunting season, didn't you?)



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Because our goal is to bless others, if you enjoyed this newsletter will you share it with a friend?

If they'd like, we'll gladly include them in future newsletters...**and** if they would like to see if we can save them money on their insurance, be sure they give us your name and \$5 will be donated to City Life on your behalf! Everyone Wins!!!

COME AGAIN!!!