



Welcome to Miss Curly's space

I am soooooo excited! My suitcase is packed and I'm ready to go! Well, actually I'm packed in a suitcase and ready to go. Remember, I'm off to Jamaica on February 26 with 5 students and 2 teachers from Sunbury Christian Academy. Oh I didn't mean to miss the staff from Kingdom

Donna and Curly Kidz who will be going, too. That would be Miss Lisa (Derr), Miss Carol (Newton) and Miss Donna (Bridge), of course, who have been working with the students and teachers since the beginning of January. You should see how those students and teachers have quickly picked up lip sync, choreography, and all the basic puppet skills. Well, if you attend the puppet dinner theater on February 17 at the Puppet HOME (11 E. 3rd St., Watsontown), you will have a preview of the program they will be presenting in Jamaica. We will be presenting at least 3 programs a day in various venues. Would you please pray for us to be able to endure the heat, work together as a team, have a safe trip, and share God's love with the people there? This is my 4th trip to Jamaica and each time the experience is different! Seeing the children's eyes when I'm singing is priceless. Those Jamaican children certainly can sing and dance. Their favorite expression is "Yah, man!" However, I can't quite say it like they do! So practice, practice, practice is necessary! There will be much to share when we return on March 6!

Now that you have February 17 on your calendar, as well as, February 26 please mark your calendars for March 13 and 14. Those are the dates for the RAISE THE REGION for nonprofit organizations presented by the First Community Foundation of PA. Kingdom Kidz has the most passionate donors who give generously to our mission: "To share with kids of all ages, whether in a religious or nonreligious setting, educational concepts using the creative art of excellent puppetry". Our donors love to hear the stories of how lives are being changed wherever we go or right here in Watsontown at the Puppet HOME! Cards with encouraging words are received weekly and the team is so thankful!

Did you know that we had been invited to present programs in Towanda at various retirement/nursing facilities and are now going back because the residents are asking that we return? And Millersburg has become another new destination for our programs. It all began with the Cherry Blossom Festival two years ago and now churches and festivals are inviting us to the area. Guess I do need to pack a suitcase. I'm not in the lobby much anymore! Aren't you glad Miss Donna has time to volunteer now so I can see more action again!

Oh, the phone is ringing off the hook for VBS programs! Summer is certainly going to be a great time again for me and my friends. But I've set aside some time for one of my favorite activities- Puppet Camp! The letters are ready to go in the mail! Two camps will be offered this year- Apprentice 1 camp (August 5, 6, 8 and 9) will be for the beginning puppeteer. The opportunity to construct 3 different puppets is exciting and then doing a presentation for the public on

August 9 will culminate the entire week. Now for those who attended camp last year or who are experienced in puppetry, Apprentice 2 camp (August 19, 20, 22, and 23) will highlight black light puppetry their week. They will construct black light puppets and learn how to perform black light puppetry. On August 23 they will present a program- yes, in black light. The camps are limited to 10 members and will meet 9am-3pm each of the above mentioned days. The cost is \$ 150 and includes the materials for puppet construction, meals and other supplies. Give Miss Lisa a call at 570-838-3133 with your questions and be prepared to have an exciting week!

I'm off and getting ready in 17 days to fly to Jamaica with my friends, diary, pen and lots of sunscreen! "Yah, man!"

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