

**Travel Time**

Kyle, Nell, Kayla, and Elena will be spending two months stateside! Their first stop: Saratoga Federated Church in Saratoga, California. From there, the family will travel to Nevada City, Los Angeles, and Grants Pass, Oregon. When we are in your area, we'd love to see you!

**Stiff Sightings:**

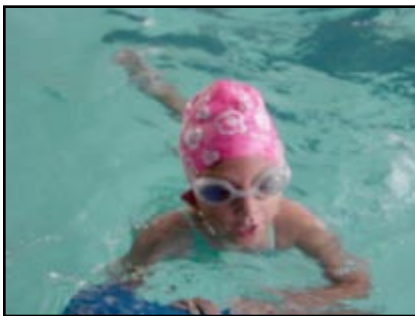
Oct. 21-30: Saratoga, Calif.  
November: Nevada City/Spain  
Nov. 30-Dec. 7: Southern California  
Dec. 8-Dec. 19: Oregon  
Dec. 20: Guatemala

**School's Out**

Three girls from the Stiff family are finishing school this month. "Three?" Yup! Nell took a job for two months teaching English at Kayla and Elena's school after a teacher had to leave suddenly. She was asked to fill in with 3-year-olds! According to sources, they kept Nell on her toes! Very different from her previous teaching experience with first-graders! While Nell finishes her preschool debut, the other two Stiff girls finish second grade and kindergarten! Way to go, Kayla and Elena!

**READING READY**

After two years of painful reading experiences, Mikayla Joy Stiff is officially a bookworm... *in two languages!* Sources say it suddenly clicked in the 7-year-old's mind and she now reads anything set before her, as long as it's Spanish or English!



*Kayla kicks her way across the pool!*

**A "Foto" Finish**

Elena Kathryn Stiff took second out of all the kindergarten girls at her school this month. The annual anniversary race took place at a park not too far from the city, where Elena really took off! Also this month, both Stiff girls placed in their first-ever swim meet! Mom and Dad Stiff are hoping to finish well too, as they wrap things up before the family's two-month furlough!



*Elena takes second place!*

**KYLE IN COSTA RICA**

Kyle just returned from planning meetings with the execs of the Latina Conferences. This first meeting to prepare for Latina 2009 took place in San Jose, Costa Rica. (You might be thinking, "Didn't they just finish up with Latina 2006?") When he got off the plane it was clear that sitting in a boardroom all day is not all the guys do . . . he had a sand burn on his forehead from taking a tumble in the waves! Also sighted in Costa Rica was one of Kyle's best friends, Scott Douglas, who works for Focus on the Family, attending meetings for his organization. Reports say that Scott was a firsthand witness of the bodysurfing mishap!

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