

Warm summer greetings!

If you are having a summer like ours, you'll know why this newsletter is late.

There is so much to tell that we're going to dive right in. First of all, as promised, the advances copies of SONGS FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN did in fact come in, and just as quickly, they did in fact go out. Most orders from schools have been filled, although there are just a few outstanding; we filled them in the order in which they came for the most part. We have also been taking orders from bookstores, and next month's newsletter will provide a list of many places where you can get your copy or tell your friends to if you choose to support your local store rather than get them through us. Interested in getting copies directly? We're thrilled to announce you can now get them from our website on the [Songs For Americas Children](#) page. We have also established a [Shopping Cart Page](#) for our music so you can stop looking so hard at all of those stores who OUGHT to be carrying it but don't. The [Shopping Cart Page](#) purchases are secure and are handled by [CDBaby](#) who we can endorse as the best and most fair, user friendly and artist supportive music website out there; the book, [Songs For Americas Children](#) will be shipped out by us; payments are handled through [PayPal](#) and are secure.

The bulk is due in port in less than two weeks, meaning we take possession in about three weeks. Once they're in, we will continue getting out books in this order:

- 1) school kids & teachers who have both pre-ordered and prepaid for their books (very few left).
- 2) general public who have both preordered and prepaid (in the order in which the orders/money came in).
- 3) preorders who have NOT yet paid will have copies reserved for when their checks DO come in.

We will also be getting books to various local bookstores; while it will come as no surprise that New Jersey will have more outlets to begin with, it should also not be surprising that we have laid ground work in Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut as well. And more will follow - we promise you that! Feel free to help in this endeavor by turning your local bookstores on to us and to this book, and/or giving us the name of the local independant bookstore that you wish to see carrying it.

Almost 150 copies went out from the advances, and we have preorders for more than that still to fill, so RESERVE THEM NOW! If you have already ordered, it is no longer premature to pay for your books if you haven't yet done so. Finance update: we have sent the printer \$3500; thus

far, we have actually collected approximately \$3200 Preorders now total around than \$4000. We need to send them at least another \$1000 in the next month, so please consider ordering and paying for your copies now! You will be pleased to know that after that \$1000 left, the printer will be more or less paid in full. We will have only our own out of pockets to settle, and then everything else goes to World Hunger Year.

Think your company might be interested in sponsoring some deep discount copies to be donated to literacy causes? Please let us know. We have a program now with several companies which looks like it will generate not only thousands of dollars for WHY but get HUNDREDS of books into the hands of book and literacy starved children and adults everywhere; your company also enjoys a write off. For details, inquire within as they say.

How will this book will be promoted? We did a radio interview week before last in western Jersey, WDVR-FM. We have upcoming interviews on News12 New Jersey, and we're working on News12 Long Island, NY1, WNBC, and several newspaper articles. Remember, if you know anyone from the TV game, let them in on this project. There are already SEVERAL markets nationwide whose attention will be drawn to [Songs For Americas Children](#) , thanks to people like you, but we need more. Help feed (and teach!) the hungry by making a big deal out of this: Call the papers! Call the local morning TV news program! TELL YOUR LOCAL BOOKSTORE THAT YOU WANT THEM TO CARRY IT! Remember, NO MARKET IS TOO SMALL!

A special repeat reminder to LIBRARIANS AND BOOKSTORE OUTSIDE OF OUR AREA: We want to appear in support of this book; however, since we are taking NO profit, we can't go around the country on our own resources. Please consider that if we can put together a tour, be you far away OR in our own region and simply help pick up expenses (by getting several stores and/or public libraries to coordinate schedules it IS possible) we will waive any appearance fees to come do a full gig if you will order books (because of our children, of course, it may only be possible for one of us to come, but that will make expenses even cheaper...!)

Also we have returned about 2/3 - 3/4 of the artwork which was NOT used in the book; we are still holding on to those pieces which WERE used for the foreseeable future for publicity purposes - we'll let you know when this process has been completed.

If you haven't seen the cover yet, click [here!](#) While you're visiting, listen to a sound clip from [Songs For Americas Children](#) ! We hope it will be completed and posted as a free download soon, but meanwhile you can enjoy a sample from it!

"Please sir, I want some more", you cry? Okely!

The children just finished up school ten days ago and have already shuffled off to Buffalo for a Buffalicious long weekend with their grandparents; whilst there they enjoyed Darien Lake, a Six Flags property. We love their water rides. We recommend Darien Lake heartily. And they will be busy all right - summer just started and yet is already booked up! A larger scale vacation comes in August, leaving a few weeks of day activities which they have been signed up for, notwithstanding the community pool and our own Six Flags Great Adventure passes. Rachelle starts a new school in September so one week will be spent in an activity program which is sponsored over there in a preparatory attempt to familiarize newbies into the school.

Joshua has earned his tenth stripe. He has a bit of red tape involved but more or less is in effect a yellow belt now, and he will probably take possession of said belt by the time you read next month's update.

And what of Maxx? Trust us, this month you don't wanna know.

While the warm weather has brought out our love of grilled fish, it has NOT yet brought out our friends to celebrate the season with us. We have been so swamped with the book of course and we regret not being in better, more personal touch up until now - so PLEASE feel free to call us. Out of sight is NOT out of mind, and the barby, she awaits only the general to deliver the orders. It's what Danny loves to do best in the summer - cook good food for good friends.

This month's site of the month: [P. Chan & Edward, Inc.](#)

We realize that "P. Chan & Edward, Inc. " (a prepress and printing company), is a little bit more of an industrial site than you are used to hearing about from us; please do know however that the folks at P. Chan have been very good friends to us over the years and you should know one of their principals is also our webmaster. They are a talented group and up to speed; if you have printing needs or questions, check them out. We'll return with a more typical site next month.

And what about a closing rock-n-roll quote? Submitted for your approval, from the great Crosby, Stills and Nash from Suite: Judy Blue Eyes: "Fear is the lock, and laughter the key to your heart."

Peace!

- danny & kim, and their two sons and star!

PS: As we are duty bound to remind you, if you don't want it, just let us know, and you won't get it. However, we're thikknking if you don't want it, you probably ALREADY don't get it...

Remember, we NEVER give out email addresses.

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