

# Children capture his attention

"Children are the same the world over," Dr. Norman Weiss of West Bloomfield says. "They giggle, play, horse around and act silly just like your kids and grandkids."

His exhibit of photographs, "Children of the World," taken in a dozen or more countries, will be at Somerset Mall from July 21-31.

These will include children of Morocco, Japan, Thailand, Israel, Holland, Italy, New Guinea, China, Kenya, Mexico, Yugoslavia and Greece.

"KIDS ARE fun and they're fun to photograph," Weiss said. "In some of the Third World countries, I'm sure they have no idea what I'm doing or what all the paraphernalia is — but they smile and pose all the same."

Norman Weiss photographed this little girl in Rabat, Morocco. She's carrying fresh bread dough, made by her mother earlier that day, to the bakery to be baked. None of the homes have ovens. It is one of 60 color photographs in the exhibit.

## preview

Weiss became a shutterbug at the age of 13 and never outgrew it. He worked his way through high school and college taking pictures without any formal training.

He has developed a particular love for the Third World countries.

"These people are so content, they don't know anything else, and I also find the Arabic countries very interesting," he said.

WEISS IS a dentist with offices in Warren. When he goes on a photo shoot, he takes pockets full of the same trinkets he gives his small fry dental patients. He always has plenty of brightly colored plastic rings and bracelets, magnifying glasses, puzzles, American T-shirts and gum. Gum is a favorite.

His next trip is to India, where he hopes to take the back roads and visit the small villages. Sandie, his wife of 30 years, is a travel agent. Together they have traveled the world — she checking out new accommodations and he taking photographs.

The exhibit is open free of charge during regular mall hours, Big Beaver at Coolidge, Troy.

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