Finally got around to testing it today. Nice job.

Few suggestions:

1.) Allow users to set their path to ping in the configuration. I'm on FreeBSD, and the path is /sbin/ping.

2.) You forgot "use IO::Pty;" at the start of the script.

3.) Is there a command line option to have it fork to the background? I've just been running it with screen, but some of us don't want to use the console (or &).