

The Boston Project Staff Team

Summer has come and gone, and we are looking forward to the fall. With the change of season comes a change of pace. We are able to slow down and find time to reflect on what God has done during the very busy previous months as well as dream about what He has in store for the future.

You will see below that God spoke powerfully during the summer, and our staff experienced an abundance of joy, even through difficulties. **We appreciate your prayers and support, and know that they keep our ministry strong!**



The Malkemes Family - Executive Director & Curriculum Director
Summer was full and fun, and God was at work in many diverse ways! We are looking forward to a different pace this fall with the transition to homeschooling all three girls. Along with canning food and finishing garden projects, we are hoping to attend a national training conference of the Christian Community Development Association. It will be the first conference in twelve years that Glenna and I will have been able to attend together. Praise God!



Liz & Ben Cressy - Executive Assistant & Community Development
Our first married summer in ministry started with some literal and metaphorical bangs. Violence in the city made us question our residence in our neighborhood, but we have been reminded of God's redemptive work in the city and feel more committed than ever to living here. Additionally, Ben was offered a full time management position at Ten Thousand Villages and has accepted! He is excited to continue serving with BP, but now as a neighbor and volunteer.



Dana Chepulis - Neighborhood Youth Ministries & Green Space
I had the privilege this summer of being a co-supervisor of Junior Park Patrol, a leadership program for 12-14 year olds in our neighborhood. We learned how to build compost bins, what a zucchini looks (and tastes!) like, how to plant a garden and more. The best part was getting to know the hearts of the youth. Also, this October I will be moving into the Cressy apartment. It'll be an opportunity to minister more to the youth and to feel a part of a family while away from home.



The Riddle Family - Service-Learning Director & Hospitality
We had planned for a scaled back summer led by a newly hired Mission Trip Director, but instead we had the largest *Summer Missions Program* ever, led solely by Keith. Yet with these challenges, this summer was great! One highlight was the new "Celebration Dinner" where neighbors whose homes we worked at were invited to join us for fellowship and sharing. It was a blessing to see youth and neighbors ministering to each other in such powerful ways.



Children's Outreach Worker & Mission Trip Director
The Boston Project is seeking to hire these two new positions starting this fall. Both positions include salary and benefits, plus potential for housing. For more info, visit www.tbpm.org.
The **Children's Outreach Worker** should be gifted and passionate about working with elementary age (5-11) students, and is an AmeriCorps position.
The **Mission Trip Director** will oversee all of our overnight trips, including the Summer Missions Program, weekend service retreats, and spring break mission trips.

Financial Update for the General Fund

We thank God for all the different ways He provides for this ministry! The General Fund is critical and used to cover primary operating costs such as youth & outreach programs, health insurance, and Ministry House expenses.

However, donations to our General Fund have dropped by 33% over the past two years. **We could use your help more than ever.** By year's end, we need to raise \$30,000. Could you make a special gift to help to support our staff and outreach programs?

A very special thanks to the 54 people/churches who have given already this year!

Raised to date: \$14,988 ▼

▼ Need to date: \$30,000

33% Thanks!

(We have a pressing financial need here.)

Goal for 2011: \$45,000



Recent Photos

More from the life of our staff



- (top-to-bottom) 1. Paul and youth assemble raised beds for the Community Garden.
2. Ben is the grill-master at Family Fun Night.
3. Dana and youth sporting rain ponchos!
4. Keith introduces City Councilor Charles Yancey at a Celebration Dinner.
5. A steel pan band entertains us all!*

The Malkemes Family Update

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Summer was full and fun! As you have read already, God was definitely at work in many diverse ways! Our family life is all wrapped up in many of these stories since **we live, work, worship, and play right here in our own neighborhood.**

We are looking forward to a different pace this fall with the transition to homeschool with all three girls. We hope to pressure can and preserve more food for the winter, and finish several garden projects so we can plant vegetables with neighbors next spring.

We squeezed in a few family trips this summer including Storyland (NH) and a brief time in Ocean Grove, NJ right before Hurricane Irene arrived.

This October, we hope to attend a national training conference for members of the **Christian Community Development Association (CCDA)**. It has been twelve (12) years since Glenna and I have been able to attend a conference *together* related to our work (Kingdomworks '99 for those who remember). To be able to go, we need to raise \$1,000 for travel, housing, and conference registration and expenses.

God is stretching us to be more like Him! We are mindful of how far we are from who God wants us to be, but how great His mercy is as He invites us to be part of His work daily. Thank you for joining us in this ministry to make Christ known here in our special neighborhood within Boston.



Cady and Grace having water fun.



Glenna canning summer squash soup.



Paul building raised garden beds with teens.



Cousin Noah & Megan ready to splash.



Grandpa and Grace collecting state quarters.



Family vacation in Ocean Grove, NJ.

Pray with us

- **New Routines.** Pray for grace towards each other as we launch into homeschool.
- **Rejuvenation.** Pray for physical and emotional rest, and the ability to hear clearly from God.
- **CCDA Conference.** For God's provision of funds so we can attend this training conference. To make a special gift, please note "CCDA-Malkemes" in memo.

Fundraising Update

2011 Missionary Support = \$58,000

65% Raised to Date. Thanks!



Cady was given the Alice F. Casey award for a "positive attitude towards classmates of all racial backgrounds while promoting a positive spirit of integration" at school.

Megan received an excellence in writing award for a regional competition. Her essay was "Why Christians should be friends with non-Christians."

The Riddle Family Update

Whew! What a summer! Thank you for praying us through this summer - it was very different than we expected it to be, and truthfully we were anxious coming into it.

We had planned for a scaled back summer led by a newly hired Mission Trip Director, but instead we had the largest *Summer Missions Program* ever. To top it off, we postponed this new hire, so this was Keith's first summer without a co-director in 6 years. (*see why we were anxious?* :)

Yet with these challenges, this summer was great! Some highlights from our ministry and family life:

- **Celebration Dinners.** On the last meal of each mission week, we invited neighbors whose homes/churches/ministries we worked at to join us for fellowship and sharing. This was one of my greatest blessings to witness youth and neighbors ministering to each other in such powerful ways.
- **Increased Outreach.** The larger program allowed us to do so much! 275 Teenagers gave over 8,000 hours of service to more than 50 neighbors, churches, schools, and ministries.
- **Family Time.** We visited family in New Jersey and South Carolina. It was a special blessing to spend extra time with Keith's brother's family - Doug, Heike, and cousin Samuel!

God truly gave us joy in the midst of a non-stop summer! We give credit to God working through your prayers - thank you!



Joseph (6)
Tim (4)
Aaron (20 mo)
Joseph's first day of 1st grade!



Aaron and cousin Samuel

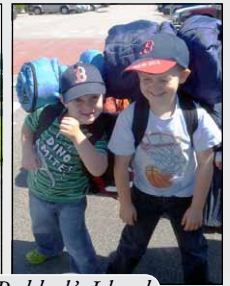


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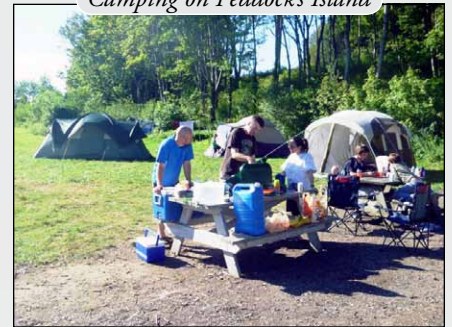


▲ Keith introduces City Councilor Yancey at one of the Celebration Dinners.

Curtis and Keith ► work together to plan all our summer projects (usually not in a wheelbarrow!).



Camping on Peddock's Island



Pray with us this fall

A Routine! We are looking forward to regaining a sense of "normal," after a fast-paced summer when nothing was routine. Pray for our relationship as a couple reconnecting with each other.

Hiring a Mission Trip Director. Pray that we find the person with the unique mix of passions, gifts, and skills to oversee our overnight trips. Also pray for consistent funding for this position.

New Minivan. We just discovered that to pass inspection, our van needs about \$6K of work (we only paid \$4K for it), so we are looking for a new(er) reliable van, probably '04-'06 models.

Financial Need. This year, we increased our support-raising goal by \$8,000, but we are not keeping pace. Please pray for new opportunities for people and churches to partner with us.

49% Raised to Date. Thanks!

Goal for 2011: \$38,000



Thanks for praying for us. We love you!

Liz & Ben's Update

As we approach the conclusion of our first married summer in ministry, there is so much on our hearts to share with you. Often, it's easy to find the thoughts and words of what to write about. This time, there is so much to share about our lives, and we only get to touch upon a bit of what God is doing.

Our summer started with some literal and metaphorical bangs. In a very literal sense, guns banged near our street all summer long – and continue to. Gang tensions near our direct neighborhood have flared, and several young men have been killed or injured. As we heard about these instances – one of which involved the near-death of a four-year-old boy – we began to question our residence in this neighborhood – particularly as we began to think about what it might mean to raise children in a neighborhood plagued with violence and other kinds of trauma. We sought wise counsel from older mentors who have lived in Boston for years, and were reminded of both the bigger picture of God's redemptive work in our City, but also of His promises to protect His children from harm. We feel more committed to living here than we ever have before.

We struggled with another tension as well. Ben expected to oversee our Green Space programs and help build our new community garden, but due to an unforeseeable staff departure at Ten Thousand Villages, he was called upon to work nearly full-time for the entire summer. Although this presented a significant challenge, God revealed to Ben gifts and talents that he didn't even know he had. In late July, he was offered a full-time, management-level job and, after much prayer and discernment, accepted! For now, Ben will be serving The Boston Project as a neighbor and volunteer, and not as a paid employee.



Liz helping to call bingo with neighbor Suzanne at our weekly "Family Fun Night."

Liz's role serving with the Boston Project and as a neighbor continues to be dynamic and fruitful. She continues to serve as the Executive Assistant, and did much of the behind-the-scenes work to empower our street-level ministries to thrive this summer. She also continues to spend time building relationships with neighbors in the community and serving as a representative at neighborhood meetings pertinent to the safety, economic and environmental health of our neighborhood.

Despite some of the changes in Ben's work schedule, we feel more committed than ever to our community – both the people and the places that make up our neighborhood. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support. With Liz continuing full-time work at The Boston Project, your gifts enable us to put down roots here and consider major decisions about the feasibility of raising a family and tackling other obstacles to the long-term viability of our residence here. If you are already a regular supporter, we thank you! If you have not joined our support team, would you consider becoming a monthly or quarterly donor? Please join with us as we seek to follow God's lead to this community.

43% Raised to Date. Thanks! **Goal for 2011: \$20,000**

Prayer Requests

- Pray for us as we are looking to put down roots in a church community. We both were involved in different church communities before we got married, and are looking to find a place where we both feel at home as a couple.
- Pray for our house to be one of hospitality. We have valued having others over and making it a safe and welcoming place to be.
- Pray for safety in our neighborhood. Pray that the Gospel of peace would be transforming the lives of our young people, particularly the teenage boys we work with.



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Executive Assistant & Community Development

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Recent Photos



Ben was a great grill master at our community events like Family Fun Night.



We hiked Mt. Major this summer. Ben was there, but was taking a quick nap at the top :)



Liz got to teach Dana how to make bread this summer!



Ben and friend Keith on our staff retreat in New Durham, NH. We had a great time!

Dana Chepulis' Update

"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." ~Matthew 6:34

Three's a Charm

Third summer down at The Boston Project Ministries! God has brought me on an incredible journey and has allowed to me work three summers in Dorchester so far. This summer was probably the most memorable for me. I had the privilege of being a co-supervisor of Junior Park Patrol, a leadership program for 12-14 year olds in our neighborhood. We learned how to build compost bins, what a zucchini looks (and tastes!) like, how to plant a garden, and the importance of pulling weeds (which we did 85% of this summer). However, the best part was getting to know the hearts of the youth. There's no better way to get to know a person than to spend every day with them in the heat, doing hard labor and working as a team. It was a challenge, but I wouldn't have had it any other way. Through it all, I have built a love for the youth in my neighborhood that cannot be defined through words.



Hanging out with Liz at my very first Red Sox game! Go Sox! (sorry, Dad)

Moving on Up!

Time for another transition: I'm moving to the Cressy apartment! In October, I have the AWESOME opportunity to move in with Liz and Ben Cressy, two friends of mine and co-workers of The Boston Project. It's going to be a huge change for us all, especially since Ben and Liz just got married in April. Even still, we feel as if God is pushing us towards living in community together and grow as a family in Christ. I am excited to be able to live right across the

street from The Boston Project and connect better with our neighbors. It's an opportunity for me to minister more to the youth, to feel safer when I go home at night, to feel a part of a family while away from home, and to grow in my personal walk with Jesus.

Do Not Worry About Tomorrow

I spend way too much time worrying about everything and not enough time trusting God in all things. That's why I'm boldly taking this step of faith in moving, knowing that it is a God-given opportunity, even though I'm unsure on how I will afford it. God has provided for me thus far and I have confidence that he will continue to do so. Thank you for all your support throughout this past year- emotionally, financially, and spiritually. It has meant the world!

Please Join Me In Prayer

- Paying rent is going to be tough on my income. Will you prayerfully consider supporting me financially in 2011-2012?
- I'm staying another year! I recently renewed my contract with AmeriCorps and am officially working with The Boston Project for another year (until Sept 2012). Pray that I will have a deeper understanding of my purpose and who God has created me to be.

Financial Update

I have a goal of raising \$7,200 in missionary support this year to help supplement my stipend while I am serving with The Boston Project. Would you consider supporting me in this amazing ministry God has placed me in? **Your monthly donations or special gifts would be a huge help.** Thank you!

Raised to date:
\$1,315

Need to date:
\$4,800

18% Raised to Date. Thanks!

Goal for 2011: \$7,200

July-August 2011



Neighborhood
Youth Ministries &
Green Space

** New Address **

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Recent Photos



We work rain or shine! Being goofy with my Junior Park Patrol youth.



Posing in the Public Gardens with my little sister, Leiloni, during our sisters weekend (missing: big sister Jody).



Kayaking on the lake during our staff retreat in New Hampshire.