

# The Riddle Family Update

~ by Keith

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:  
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.  
~ Psalm 37:4-6*

**No, we have not bought a house yet. Yes, we are still looking. And thanks** - for all who have prayed for this step in our ministry. We felt God confirm our call to buy a house for ministry back in December of 2008, and if you have tracked with us, it's been quite a ride. Over the course of the last year and nine months, Sarah and I have gone through the range of emotions from excitement to despair, joy to anger, jealousy to thankfulness. In the end, we believe that we "heard right" and that God is still leading us in the direction He desires. We have learned a lot along the way, including the fact that ministry doesn't stop until you "arrive."

## A Ministry House (minus the House)

**I was wrong.** Wrong to think that "ministry" would wait until we were "established" in our new house. But this was my mindset - God said move, so we'll move - and everything else, including reaching out to our current neighbors, gets put on hold. Now I recognize my mistake.

Recently, I have been inspired by the story of King David as a young man for his faithfulness in periods of waiting. Even though he was anointed at a young age, years passed before his calling was realized. Yet he was faithful to serve God even in the midst of times of waiting.

**God continues to open up new opportunities for ministry right where we live.** Our yard (one of the largest around) has become somewhat of a neighborhood playground, with families coming over several times a week to let their kids play. We enjoy blessing families in this way, and have gotten to know several new neighbors. God has allowed us to enter into their lives, know their struggles, and share God's love for them. We are excited for one family in particular, who has begun coming to church and Bible study with us. Praise God that He doesn't wait until we're "ready" before He starts working.

As David wrote in Psalm 37, our role is to "delight...in the Lord," "commit" and "trust" - God is the one who gives us our desires and makes our just cause shine. **So yes, we are still looking for a house for ministry. But that doesn't mean that ministry stops.**

## Family Updates

**We love fall**, and this one has been full of new adventures! Joseph started kindergarten at Parkside Christian Academy. Since this is his first time going to school, the first few weeks were a difficult adjustment. We are thankfully past the clinging, tearful goodbyes, but he is still adjusting to a long school day away from home. Tim is thoroughly enjoying being the big brother while Joseph is at school, and he continues to show his great joy in everything he does. At 8 months old, Aaron is now a crawling pro, and can stand himself up, too. We think he might even beat Joseph's walking record of 9 months!



## Pray with us!

**Joesph at School.** Joseph is still adjusting to being at school - pray that he enjoys his experience, and also for the transition for us as parents in to this new setting.

**Next Steps.** Ask God for strength to stay committed in this season of waiting, wisdom as we continue searching, and for outreach that is already happening out of our current apartment.

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Our 3 boys!



Joseph's first day



Tim's first Red Sox game - he's EXCITED!  
(check facebook for some funny video:)



Joseph started soccer this fall!  
(Sarah is now an official soccer mom)



Sarah and Aaron cool off on a hot day.