

The Malkemes Family Update

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." - 3 John 1:2



We want 2010 to be a year where we experience greater health and restoration – physical, spiritual, emotional, and financial. There is a toll and it can be a challenge to be “healthy” while living in the same home where The Boston Project’s work is centered.

We are working to improve our physical health as we focus more on what we eat and increase our exercise. Books like *Nourishing Traditions* and *Eat This Not That!* have been insightful. We are creating more time to be quiet before God - even if it means I have to sit on top of the mountain of laundry while I talk with Him. We recently bought each of our girls their own Bibles, which they love to read. Pray for our sense of safety as the girls periodically have dreams of people breaking into our home. Lastly, Paul is leading us towards becoming debt-free as he studies God’s Word about money and puts into practice some simple lessons (he enjoys Dave Ramsey’s practical steps). Even our daughter’s are learning how to think about their money God’s way.

Living and walking in wholeness is laborious and requires intentional effort. Yet, this is good. As you bring the “Malkemi” before God in prayer in 2010 (*for the concerns above*), we trust that you will enjoy good health in body and soul as well.

The apostle Paul said,

“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.” - Acts 26:19



Our Pastor, Bruce Wall, has been preaching a series on Noah and the importance of **being obedient to the heavenly vision God has given you**. God’s instructions to Noah to construct an ark seemed foolish too many, yet he remained faithful to the vision (even if it had never rained before!). The result has had eternal implications for all of us.

God has planted deep within us a vision for **helping to establish a network of Neighborhood Ministry Houses**. Our first fifteen years of urban ministry has centered on establishing the neighborhood ministry work around our home on Elmhurst Street in the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle neighborhood. There is still much to be done here and we potentially have 100+ new families moving in during the next 5 years (a 20% population increase).

But God is pushing us beyond our home to help support other Christians starting or already involved in a *Neighborhood Ministry House*. When connected to a local church, ministry through these homes can be powerful. Please continue to pray for us to be faithful to the vision God has given us which may set the stage for our next fifteen years of our ministry.

Grandma Malkemes takes the girls to lunch after using gift cards at Build-a-Bear.



Financial Update

We thank God for all your generous gifts which helped us reach our 2009 goal! As we enter 2010, we ask you to consider a special gift or a monthly pledge towards our work. Personal financial situations change (which we understand) and some people are no longer able to give financially, but **maybe you now can**. We ask you to prayerfully consider an investment in us which has eternal Kingdom benefits. We have enclosed a reply card. *To God be the Glory!*

11% Raised to Date. Thanks!

Goal for 2010: \$48,000



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Glennna holds Bailey, a shih tzu we had adopted but then had to give back because she didn't do well with children. A very emotional week.



Cady (right) celebrates her 7th birthday w/Grace.



Megan loves to read - even on top of the washer.