

The Malkemes Family Update

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”
Hebrews 10:24*

One of my joys as a husband and dad is to find opportunities for our family to serve God together. At times, it can be a challenge considering our daughters are ages 5, 7, and 9. But how exhilarating when your child develops a heart that has a genuine love for others – particularly in our self-focused world.

We had three Saturdays in a row where our daughters were out in the neighborhood working alongside us and volunteers painting fences, helping seniors garden, cleaning up the new park, and more. We all got dirty and tired! *What a delight to practice together what it means to live out Jesus’ simple command to love God and love our neighbor.*

We also try to enlarge Megan, Cady, and Grace’s worldview by observing how others live globally. Our support of 5 year-old Leticia through Compassion International has made us aware of greater human need in Guatemala. Preparing gift-filled Christmas shoeboxes with Grandma to send to children overseas makes us realize (again) how much we have. Our friends, Keith and Sarah, had a weekly dinner of rice and beans to help their older sons, ages 2 and 5, reflect on the reality of how children in other parts of the world daily eat. Not surprising though, we still struggle with many selfish moments.

The Apostle Paul’s words to “spur one another on toward love and good deeds” is beginning to take root in our family. We love it when our daughters challenge us to think less about ourselves, and more about others. But how do we spur our family towards a greater lifestyle of service? We’re on a journey to figure it out together. Hopefully it will be a hallmark of our family and yours.

Recent Family Milestones

- Megan had a great spring concert playing the flute and singing an 80’s song.
- Cady was narrator at a school play and has a 3rd year gymnastics show mid-June.
- Grace was flamboyant during her classroom’s rendition of the song “Soap and Water.”
- Glenna completed a 6-week financial class entitled *From Debts to Assets*.
- Paul is trying to squeeze in free moments to get outside to his gardening.
- We were blessed to qualify for federal home weatherization funds and just finished insulating our entire house (we had no insulation at all).

Prayer Requests

- **Curriculum:** Glenna and Paul have lots of writing to do in the next 3-4 weeks.
- **Staff Care:** Pray that during our busy season we will encourage and build one another up.
- **Our Neighborhood:** Pray for God to raise up peacemakers (Matt 5:9) for our streets.

Financial Update

We are so grateful for the regular (monthly/quarterly) and special financial gifts you give to help further God’s work in Boston! We praise God for a new online donor this month and a recent special gift that brought us up to our goal. Our 2010 support need is \$4,000 monthly. To date, we are at \$19,495 - close to our goal. You can donate online (www.tbpm.org) or by mail.

41% Raised to Date. Thanks!

Goal for 2010: \$48,000



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Glenna and Grace “gloving up” for a workday.
Paul and neighbor Gail holding the “Garden of Peace” sign; a vacant lot transformed.



Megan painting the fence at the Garden of Peace.
Cady with flowers at Boston Shines clean up.



Megan at her first flute performance.