

# The Malkemes Family Update

*“As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.” - Psalms 42:1*

A year ago I was in the hospital with a virus around my heart. I hadn't thought much about it this past year until I reached my birthday mid-August when I was filled with tremendous gratitude for life. I didn't quite know how to express it to others, so I made awkward jokes by saying "Praise God, I'm still alive."

**I truly thank God for life.** Our hearts continue to burn for our children, neighbors, and youth to experience the life Jesus Christ has for them. I praise God for the preservation of physical life as two of our young people were hit this week by a car that drove recklessly onto our street. **The spiritual battle over our children and teenagers is so clear** - like night and day; and we, along with many of our staff, are compelled by Christ to engage in the battle. This summer we were blessed with a gifted summer staff that did a superb job leading our outreach ministries. They spent time with over 400 children and teenagers.

As summer draws to a close, we will go on vacation as many families do. I appreciate Jesus' example of withdrawing to lonely or quiet places in the midst of his ministry as a time to reconnect with God the Father. We are not as tired as in some years. However, we feel the need for family time away mostly to play and be together. **Pray for us during this time of refreshment.** We also sense that this upcoming academic year may look a bit different for us, and we are asking God for some clarity around this inner nudging.

We can never say it enough – **THANK YOU** - for your ongoing encouragement, prayer, and financial support of us through The Boston Project Ministries. *PS. If you don't receive our monthly email prayer updates, we'd love to send them to you. Let us know ([paul@tbpm.org](mailto:paul@tbpm.org)).*

Photos: (top-to-bottom; right-to-left) **Glenna** and **Liz** signing in neighbors at Family Fun Night at Elmhurst Park. **Paul** teaching youth how to build raised garden beds. **Megan** performs with friends at our neighborhood talent show. **Grace** discovers her love for jumping this summer. **Cady** on top of a pyramid of neighborhood friends.



**Raised: \$34,480**      **MISSIONARY SUPPORT**  
**2010 Need: \$48,000**



## Please PRAY for these needs of The Boston Project

**PRAISE GOD** for increasing our outreach to children and youth, **a gifted A+ summer staff team**, for those who prepared meals for summer staff, the license from the City to build our new community garden, summer funders, and your prayers which have strengthened and encouraged us!

**SUMMER SPIRITUAL FRUIT.** Ask God to touch the hearts of young people who volunteer, work, or play with us. We have had many Christ-centered conversations, and are praying for spiritual change.

**FALL STRATEGY.** Wisdom as we consider our fall with staff changes and new opportunities.

**CHURCH PARTNERS.** Praise God for church families who stand with us in ministry (about 20). Pray for two to four new church partners to join with us in 2010. If interested, contact Paul or Keith.

**LOW FUNDING.** Our General Fund which pays program staff, our health insurance, and operating expenses is seriously behind (33% or \$17,405). **Pray for God's generous provision (we believe He will).** August and September are typically some of our lowest donation months. Gifts during these next 4-8 weeks are extremely helpful. *Thanks in advance for any help you can provide!*

Please Pray



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