

The Malkemes Family Update

“...I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” **Philippians 4:12b**

Recently our family watched an episode of ABC's *Extreme Home Makeover*. Megan loves hearing each family's storyline and we are amazed at the quick house transformations (considering it took Paul a few months to replace a broken toilet seat!). The family featured ran a ministry in Illinois called *Salt & Light*, which provides food, clothing, and furniture for families in need. We were inspired to see another family that serves together.

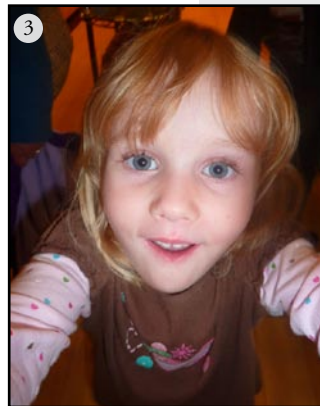
On a recent Saturday, our family joined neighbors and volunteers of all ages to build a new garden-park around the corner from us. It was a real joy to care for God's creation by planting trees, flowers, and picking up stones (Grace's job). We love the opportunity to regularly show our daughters that God has made us to love Him and our neighbors.

These days we are also very thankful for our daily bread. As highlighted in our last newsletter, financial gifts both for our work as missionaries and the *General Fund* of The Boston Project have dipped significantly during the middle of this year. We know many people are affected by our current economy - including ourselves. It is our desire to be like the apostle Paul and learn the secret of being content in any and every situation.

We ask you to pray for us. We have no doubt that God is at work here. He *always* shows up. But as husband and wife, we are trying to best understand how He is going to provide; through charitable gifts or possibly a part-time job for Glenna. Our tension is rooted in the fact that we believe God has called us to serve together through The Boston Project (and a second job might hinder that). Yet, we also believe He does not want us to accumulate debt either.

At Glenna's neighborhood Bible study last week the speaker said, "God is predictable in his character, but unpredictable in his activity." Because God is Jehovah Jireh - our provider - we can trust in Him. **We are hope-filled** as we wait to see *how* He will provide.

Photos Captions: (1) Megan and her best friends celebrating her 9th birthday. (2) Glenna sharing the Good News at a Harvest Party with our church family. (3) Grace. (4) Cady planting with a friend at a new community greenspace we built this summer. (5) Paul re-installing a fence at the new garden of peace.

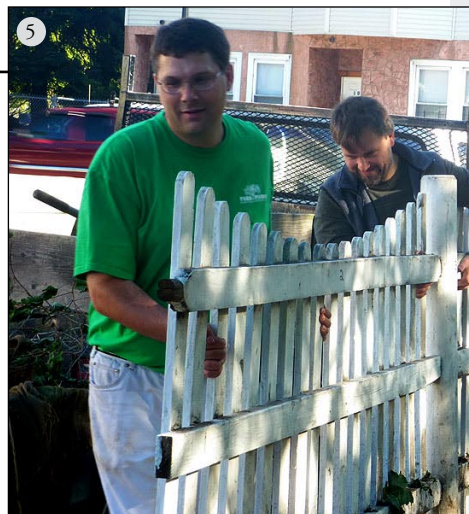


Financial Update

We couldn't do it without you! Your gifts are foundational to God's Kingdom work in Boston. In the last 2 months, we have gotten closer to our year-to-date goal. **We have \$8,000 remaining to raise in 2009.**

This year, giving to our *General Fund* is down by 25%. These funds help pay our health insurance costs. Extra funds raised will be used towards our insurance.

THANK YOU for your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. Your support of us and this mission will help us continue. *To God be the Glory!*



Join Us In Prayer

- Praise God for Paul's improved health, & for finding a good, used, low-mileage mini-van.
- God's equipping so we can effectively lead the ministry and care for staff in an ever-changing environment.
- Continued boldness in our Christian witness.
- Wisdom about next steps for our family's finances.

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82% Raised to Date. Thanks!

Goal for 2009: \$46,000