



TheBostonProject  
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## A Special Update from The Boston Project

### Recap of 2012 & Looking forward to 2013

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

### Dear Friends & Family,

**Your love and investment in our staff and ministry has been life-giving.** How can we say thanks? A number of you have been with us on this missionary journey for over 18 years now! Can you remember when young college graduates started the ministry? One friend recently confided that when we launched The Boston Project, she was unsure of how long we'd last. Praise God – here we are today! Our gratitude for your friendship and partnership is authentic.

**As we move forward into the year ahead, God has our staff - and the ministry - in a healthier place.** For three years now, our Executive Director, Paul Malkemes, has filled three roles at The Boston Project; Executive Director, Fundraising Director, and Director of Youth & Family Ministries. It has been a challenging, yet fruitful season that required long hours of him. We are so thankful that ministry partners Keith & Sarah Riddle will begin to oversee our Youth & Family Ministries in 2013. In the past year, we grew this ministry team to four full-time staff and a number of volunteers.

Also in 2012, we hired Nik Locker as our new Mission Trip Director. We had been looking to fill this position for almost 4 years - what an answer to prayer he is. Ben and Liz Cressy took a leap of faith at the same time with Ben leaving his full-time job to join our team in the area of greenspace and community organizing. We praise God for this strategic growth and re-positioning of our staff, which we believe will have a powerful impact on our ministry. At the same time, please pray for our staff, as we have come to recognize the impact of sustained secondary trauma within our team due to the nature of our work. We are exploring ways to heal.

**There is a special group of you who are newer friends and partners in ministry.** We have met you during these past few years at small groups, service days, during the Summer Missions Program, and through our community partnerships. You have taken a real interest in us and the work of The Boston Project in our city. *We thank God for you.* Your questions, prayers, and investment in us are refreshing and affirming.

As we enter 2013, we will continue to give God all we've got – heart, soul, strength, and mind! Our hearts are in love with Him and loving our neighbors here in the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle neighborhood. Our commitment is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through all we do as we "engage neighbors and volunteers to build and nurture a strong community, characterized by God's shalom."

**We invite you to continue or begin to partner with us financially this year.** Our 2013 support need for our General Fund is \$75,000 (up from \$60,000 in 2012). Last year, we had 95 individual contributors and 8 church partners give to the General Fund. *Praise God.*

With love and gratitude,

**The Boston Project staff & families**

PS. Return the reply card to receive our email prayer updates.



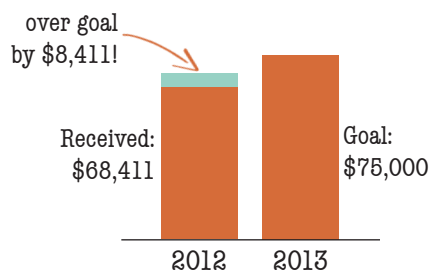
## Financial Picture

How you can partner with us this year

We have a fundraising goal of \$75,000 for 2013, which includes outreach from our *Neighborhood Ministry House*. In order to reach this goal, we ask for your help.

**Would you consider becoming a new monthly partner?**

We are so appreciative of those of you who already pray for and give towards the work the Lord has called us to.



## How to Give

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