



Breaking Ground Prayer Updates
February 2009

The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field. (Matthew 13:44)

Thank the Lord for the following provisions:

- APL Teaching Factory is offering the first class of the year; thanks to the generous gifts from individuals, churches and a foundation.
- Several staff that have been laid off are continuing to work in the ministry as volunteers.
- Cleanstreet successfully performed on a new snow removal contract in January.

Please pray for the following items:

Housing

No new home purchase contracts have been signed for the last 7 weeks. Please pray that the Lord would provide home buyers for the last 6 lots in North Lawndale. Also, a new home project in the Englewood community is in the works; pray that all the approvals would happen in a timely fashion. We would like to start this project by May. This project has additional \$20,000 in buyer's subsidy, which should make the homes easier to sell.

Pray also for the housing staff who have had their hours reduced and thus the pay reduce; that the Lord would provide for all their needs and that they would trust Him fully.

APL Teaching Factory

The Teaching Factory staff have been notified that we will only offer a class when the funds for the class are secured. The Lord has provided for the first class, please pray that He would continue to provide. Each class cost \$15,000 to operate (salaries, curriculum, insurance, utilities, etc.)

Pray also for the Teaching Factory staff, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and that they would trust Him fully.

Cleanstreet

The Cleanstreet team is continuing their work out in the cold wintry weather of Chicago. Please pray for their safety, health and morale. Also pray for more contracts, so we can expand the number of men and women being helped with transitional employment and discipleship.

Rehab and Rental

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is a federally funded program, managed by City of Chicago, Department of Housing, to bring distressed foreclosed properties up to code and resell to members of the community. Breaking Ground has been invited to participate as a developer in the program. We are gearing up for this and the first homes will be offered for bid in February. Please pray that we would bid competitively and accurately so as to acquire several of these homes to rehab and resell.

Manufacturing Training Center

The first two classes will finish in February, pray that all who finish will be employed by partner companies or other companies.

Several foundations are considering grant requests for this program. Ask the Lord to give us favor with the committees deciding on the grants.

Thanks for Praying
Jeff Dennis