



Breaking Ground Prayer Updates
June 2008

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3

Thank the Lord for the following provisions:

- Cleanstreet has won two power washing contracts! Work will begin next week.
- Leticia Patino has begun working with us as an Accountant. We are grateful to the Lord for her and the skills and gifts she brings to BG.

Please pray for the following items:

APL Teaching Factory

The 3rd class of the year will graduate June 6th please pray that all the graduates will get jobs.

The 2nd APL class at Breakthrough is tentatively scheduled to start June 23. BG is excited to work at this level of partnership with Breakthrough Urban Ministries. Lets pray for smooth transition and much mercy and grace as the two staff teams, from each organization, work together on this class.

Affordable Housing

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS for additional lots on which to build homes. We have a few projects coming later this year or early next year however, we will be out of work for several months without additional lots. You may remember that the City of Chicago owes us 17 of 75 lots which were given by city ordinance to BG. Seventeen of the lots had homes on them and thus needed to be replaced with other vacant lots. Our new alderman has been reluctant to support the transfer of lots because she would like to see more "market-rate" homes in the community. Several meetings have taken place, each one seeming to move us closer, yet we are without her approval.

I support our alderman's desire to see a mixed income community. I want to partner with her in any way I can. Please pray that the alderman will sign a letter of support for the 17 lots.

Cleanstreet

Pray that the power wash crew will do an excellent job on the route next week. We plan on using before and after photos, and letter from our first satisfied customer in our continuing sales efforts.

Discipleship House

7 of the 10 beds are filled. Lets continue to pray for a full house and for more donations for this work.

Ask the Lord to continue to lead the staff team to develop a culture which promotes healing and transformation which will be attractive to the men we seek to serve.

Manufacturing Training Center

Please pray that the men that graduated will find jobs. The assurances that we received from the City of Chicago funded program, Manufacturing Works, were not true. The word I received was that our students would not be referred to the employer who was to hire them, even though they had sufficient scores and clean drug test. I have not got to the bottom of this. Manufacturing Works is ran by a Latino organization and is located in a Latino centric City College. Lets pray that Justice would be served. If this was unfair than we pray that it would be expose. If it was fair than help us to understand were we fell short.

Administration

With Leticia on board BG will begin producing Cash Flow Forecast reports and Budget verses Actual reports. Please pray that these would be completed with accuracy.

Thanks for Praying
Jeff Dennis