



Breaking Ground Prayer Updates  
March 2009

*Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands (Deuteronomy 8:2)*

Thank the Lord for the following provisions:

- One new home sale in February, this first sale in over 2 months
- Received a grant for \$25,000 for the Manufacturing Training Center
- Eight men will be traveling with me to Washington D.C. to attend The Navigators Congress on Urban Discipleship

Please pray for the following items:

Housing

Continue to pray that the Lord would provide homebuyers who can qualify for the mortgages to purchase our homes. Pray also for the home closing process, that all involved would work diligently to get all the documents to the title company in a timely fashion.

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

Continue to pray for funding for the Teaching Factory. Our first class of the year graduated on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The next class is to start on March 9<sup>th</sup>. \$5000 of the \$15,000 needed has been received. Each class cost \$15,000 to operate (salaries, curriculum, insurance, utilities, etc.)

With the economic downturn, more and more people are coming to us in need of help to find jobs.

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

### Cleanstreet

We met with a large landscaping company in February who invited us to bid as a sub contractor for them. This could jump-start the landscaping services we are offering. Please pray for wisdom as we bid the jobs and develop our staff for the work.

### 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 March. 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  
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