



Breaking Ground Prayer Updates
March 2008

Thank the Lord for the following provisions:

- Gloria Williams has been with us for 5 years. She has grown from a student to lead the job development function for the past 3 years. She is a dear sister in the Lord and friend. Gloria is moving on to take position with the Urban League. We thank the Lord for her and the significant contribution she has made to the Breaking Ground family.
- Manufacturing 101 has started its first class and has 14 students learning math, measurement and safety. 14 local manufacturers have committed to interview the graduates for their job openings
- We are up to 5 students living in the discipleship house.
- Cleanstreet won the contract for North Center SSA, totaling \$ 31,823 for this year.

Please pray for the following items:

APL Teaching Factory

With Gloria's departure we will need to hire a new Job developer. Ask the Lord to send us an honest, competent person with a heart for the Him and people. Most of our staff sees their jobs as their ministry. This is critical for this position, because it is difficult to get employers to take a chance on our graduates. With criminal records and inconsistent work histories most employers are not willing to hire our graduates. If you know of a potential candidate, let me know and I will send you a job description.

Affordable Housing

We have received a lot list from the City of Chicago; we will be selecting 70 lots for the alderman to choose from. We are asking for the 24 replacement lots as well as 26 more lots. Continue to ask the Lord for favor in the eyes of our Alderman. Her name is Sharon Dixon.

BG is pursuing 6 new housing developments (with other non-profits in the area), totaling 107 housing units; pray the Lord would give us favor with all the authorities of which BG needs approval.

Cleanstreet

We have had to lower our prices to stay competitive with the competition.

Unfortunately, our competition is a highly subsidized non-profit which does not need to make a profit. To increase revenue we are venturing into power washing sidewalks. There is a lot of demand for this in the area. Please pray for contracts to do power washing.

Discipleship House

Please pray that the men in house would desire to live in biblical community; and that the Lord would provide more men for the program. The standards are high and this keeps many from making the commitment for the training.

Manufacturing Training Center

Please pray that all of the graduates from this class will be challenged to grow spiritually and get jobs.

Administration

We are looking to fill an accountant 1 position with Breaking Ground. Ask the Lord to provide a talented, professional with a heart for Him who has experience in our accounting software. Again, if you know of some possible candidates, let me know and I will forward a job description.

Thanks for Praying
Jeff Dennis