



Breaking Ground Prayer Updates  
May 2008

*And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, Make our efforts successful! Psalm 90:17*

Thank the Lord for the following provisions:

- BG Housing was awarded a 24 home development in Englewood. This should start construction in later this year.
- Aloysius Coffey, the former co-owner of Fish Window Cleaning, has accepted our offer to rejoin the staff team as the Job Developer of the Teaching Factory. Aloysius is a Godly man who will be great addition to the Teaching Factory team.
- 11 of the 14 students, who began, graduated from the Manufacturing Training Center's first Class. Nine could be hired this week.

Please pray for the following items:

APL Teaching Factory

The plans are moving ahead for the class at Breakthrough Urban Ministries' men's shelter in June. Continue to ask the Lord to help the team think through all the details well and develop a great plan and partnership with Breakthrough.

Affordable Housing

I talk with the Alderman today on the phone and she said she would make BG a priority to resolve how we can move forward together. Her concern is that all the development in North Lawndale is affordable. She wants to see some market-rate housing along side the affordable housing. Please pray for wisdom for us as we work to design some market-rate housing that will be able to be sold in our community.

Cleanstreet

Cleanstreet will submit 3 bids for power-washing public sidewalks this week. Please pray for favor with the commissioners of each district.

Discipleship House

One man was asked to leave this week. He was causing conflict with the way he

related to the other man. Ask the Lord to move him to get the help he needs, so he can return to the house.

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

The first class graduated 11 of the 14 persons who began the class. This is great retention. All the students were graduates of the six-week APL class before beginning this class. Nine passed an entry test to be employed by a local manufacturer. We have been told that, if they pass the drug test they will be hired. Please pray that the students will continue on a positive track and continue to grow spiritually.

### Administration

Angela Reeves has agreed to invest 6 months with Breaking Ground to fulfill an internship necessary to complete her masters program with North Park University. She will be working with Byron and Yolanda to write the procedures for the 45 critical tasks of the Teaching Factory.

Byron Kirkwood, our Controller, has interview several folks and will be making a decision this week. Again, lets ask the Lord for His wisdom to make a good decision that fits the design of the new hire and the culture and needs of Breaking Ground.

Thanks for Praying  
Jeff Dennis