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TOGETHER WITH YOU, we're bringing people together in Rockwood to ensure that no one is invisible and that everyone has access to food, freedom, and forgiveness.

TOGETHER WITH YOU, we're working on PREVENTING trafficking, dovetailing with our Integrated Community Transformation mission.

TOGETHER WITH YOU, we envision Rockwood becoming a community where children are less vulnerable to being trafficked and adults do not want to traffick kids.



Interesting Facts About Portland

(from MovementPortland.com)

Nestled beneath the green pines of its western hills, Portland is a cultural influencer in the both the Pacific Northwest and the world. Known for its attractive social culture, Portland is a city made complete with trendy local eateries, third wave coffee, hip architecture, eco-friendly technology, social activism, music venues, arts districts, festivals, parades, and a vibrant biking community.

Portland is rapidly changing as it grows more popular, currently sitting in the top 10 places to live in the U.S. (#8 in 2019).

We will add one fact with each update.

Fact #1. 2.4 million people live in the greater Portland area, with 650,000 in the city limits.



Life Expectancy in Rockwood

When we tell people about Rockwood (a community within the municipality of Gresham, and 1/3 of the population), we use statistics to ground our story in facts. Here are facts:

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/usaleep/usaleep.html#life-expectancy>.

The table shows how we calculate **a life expectancy of 75.2 years for Rockwood**. The rest of the municipality is 79.7 years, so Rockwood is 4.5 years shorter.

For the rest of Multnomah County (the county in which Rockwood is located and the one in which we live), the numbers vary widely, but they are always higher than Rockwood. The range is a full 10 to 15 years.

Compared to the rest of the world, 75.2 is in the “developing world” category.

See

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_life_expectancy.

Other countries with similar life spans as Rockwood are Mexico, Vietnam, and Honduras. Countries that are higher (that may be unexpected) are Iran, Morocco and China.



Praises and Prayer Requests

* Scott is planning to start (in February) **a weekly Bible study with a neighbor** who doesn't seem to know the Lord (yet). Please pray for Scott to discern HOW to approach this study, and please pray for "R" (pictured above) to truly meet Jesus and grow in Him.

* Between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, **our car was sideswiped and the back window was shattered by a stray bullet. It was declared a total wreck** by the insurance company and we needed to use all the savings in our One Collective account to pay for most of a new (used) car. We were **extra grateful** that we ended 2019 in the black, and continue to trust God for His provision.

* Scott started a **10-week course on training Bible teachers to teach**. It focuses on the CHARACTER and the COMPETENCY of an effective teacher. There are 10 students, half meeting on Sunday afternoon and the other half meeting on Thursday

move on to discover what they ARE gifted in and develop those gifts.

- * Please pray for leadership at our church to discern how the Lord is leading for **a truly effective discipleship strategy**. Traditional strategies for traditional churches don't seem to be working too well for us.
- * Scott will start meeting weekly (beginning February 21st) with **a small group of men who have expressed a desire to be discipled and to walk more closely with Jesus**. Thank you for praying for hungry souls and growing disciples who will disciple others.



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