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

This is part of the PREVENTION side of our anti-trafficking efforts, dovetailing nicely with our Integrated Community Transformation mission.

We envision Rockwood becoming a community where children are less vulnerable to being trafficked and adults do not want to traffick kids.





SHALOM ROCKWOOD STEERING TEAM--*without the participation of the Church, there will be no real and lasting transformation of the community*

Pictured above is the current Shalom Rockwood Steering Team. From the top left and moving clockwise are: Catherine Nicewood, President of the Rockwood Neighborhood Association; Yuriy Bigun, Ukrainian pastor of World Harvest Church (Russian speaking/English speaking); Kelly Pauli (with her husband Dave, they pastor Freedom Foursquare Church); Victor Alvarizarez, Apostle/Pastor of Iglesia Casa del Padre; bottom photo: Pete Armstrong, pastor of Parklane Christian Reformed Church.

For the past 4 or 5 years, Scott has been working with a (changing) group of Christian leaders in Rockwood whose primary purpose is to cooperate in fostering a collaborative spirit amongst the churches in Rockwood. Collection/Distribution of backpacks/school supplies, a Pizza Pot Luck for collaborative fellowship, annual collaborative worship experiences (Rockwood United Worship), annual collaborative prayer events (Rockwood 7), collaborative outreaches (Tamale Prayer Outreach), a quarterly newsletter that highlights churches engaged in collaborative action, etc. are some of the things that have resulted from this team of people who meet and pray together every month.

time has finally come for that. Pastor Pete will lead the team and Scott's last meeting with them will be in August.



ELLIE UPDATE:

* Ellie has made marked progress in the past year communicating "yes" and "no" by moving her head to the right for "no" and moving her head to the left for "yes". This represents a MAJOR milestone for all of us!!!

lose her. My efforts to dislodge the food caught in her throat were ineffective and she started to turn blue, unable to breathe at all! Vicki took a turn, and literally saved her life! All week, I have been thanking God for His grace in sparing Ellie and thanking God for my amazing wife.

* Ellie starts a new school (7th grade in middle school) in September. We were recently able to visit the class she will be in there, and were very impressed with the teacher and her team. She has had an amazing group of people working with her at the school she has attended since we moved back to the USA, and they will be sorely missed (by her and by us). However, we are also grateful for the major players in the next chapter of her educational experience.

Thanks for your prayers on Ellie's behalf. Next month we will give you an update on one of our other kids.



We are so very grateful for YOU! Because of you, we are able to educate others about sex trafficking, help foster a collaborative spirit amongst churches in an at-risk community, and disciple others who will disciple others. Thank you for allowing God to use your prayers and financial investments to help this happen!

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As you know from previous communication, the Lord has led us to put together a **small team** from our church to go **serve at the refugee ministry in Austria** that Vicki and I helped start in 1987 (<https://www.oasis-iteams.at/english/>). ***The Lord has already provided ALL the finances we need for air travel, meals, accommodations, and One Collective's portion!*** We are trusting Him to bring in the remainder of what we need for some cross-cultural training and ministry supplies for the missionaries we will visit. Thank you for your prayers for us as we prepare our hearts, minds, and relationships.

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