



Freedom in Portland and Beyond--June Update



After growing up in South Dakota, Lindsey attended Northwestern College (IA), where she first learned about community development and refugees. Here, she also taught at an after-school program for kids in the community from all backgrounds. After graduation, she assisted refugees from the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe in Athens, Greece.

As a member of our FreeWay 418 team, Lindsey is also a Community Navigator



Mark Rudd is the Campus Pastor, Missions Pastor, and Community Groups Pastor at the People of Mars Hill Church in Mobile, AL, (one of our generous and long-term partner churches). We were blessed to have him arrive with two interns from the church (see next column) and stay with us for a couple of evenings. It was a great opportunity to fellowship, gain greater understanding of each other's ministry and vision, and to encourage one another in the Lord and in our



Deeon Hyde and Jessica Robbins are two recent college graduates who are interning with our team for 5 weeks in July. They hail from People of Mars Hill church (where Scott's brother-in-law Mark Powell is the Families/Counseling Pastor). Deeon graduated from the University of Mobile with a BA in Social Science and a minor in

Community Navigator with the Rockwood CDC and works with immigrant and refugee families in the apartment complex where she lives and in Rockwood at large.



The Shalom Rockwood Steering Committee we mentioned in our last letter met together at our house for a cookout. Although some "business items" were briefly discussed, it was mostly about getting to know each other better on a personal level.

Spouses and children joined us well, fabulous food was enjoyed, and committee (continued)

...the Lord and in our mutual efforts to build up the Kingdom in the corners where God has placed us. Thanks, Mark, and People of Mars Hill church!



(continued)....members each shared their personal stories of God at work in their lives. It was truly very inspirational and I believe it served as a time to further unite us in heart and spirit.

This committee has launched a group of 6 diverse people who are working on getting church collaboration in Rockwood for a backpack/school supply distribution in connection with the national "Neighbor Nite Out" on August 4th.

Music. Jessica also graduated from the University of Mobile with a degree in Social Science. We expect God to use them in significant ways!



Ellie was at swim camp for three days at the end of June. Of course, she loved it, and the hope is that (if insurance will pay for it) it will lead to regular aquatic therapy sessions. Vicki took her each day and also had the privilege of meeting some truly wonderful people there (kids, parents, teachers, and helpers).

Also in June:

* Kyle arrived from his year at Bible College in Greece. After working this summer at Safeway as a cashier, he is asking God to provide for him to return to Athens for another year or two of Bible College.

* William started his 5-week unpaid internship working in the Servant Leadership Program at Twin Rocks Bible camp on the coast of Oregon

* Cody started working part-time a bakery, moved into a house he shares with a couple of other college students, will also be working this summer at a retirement home and doing some freelance videography, and has a new girlfriend.

* Kendra, Steve, and Phoebe were able to visit Steve's parents (Donna and Themis) in Greece and had a great time there before all the banks closed.

* Ellie has started working with a new Speech Therapist because her previous one had to move, and she will likely be starting with a new Occupational Therapist in July.

PRAYER REQUESTS

* It's not possible to provide details, but the 10-year-old who Scott is in a mentoring relationship with is having some significant emotional and behavioral problems. PLEASE pray for him and for Scott to know how to help.

* Financial provision for Kyle's return to Bible College in Greece

* Transition for our new teammate Lindsey

* In July, our teammate Maureen is launching a new creative arts project among the youth in Rockwood to help at-risk kids honestly express themselves in safe and creative ways

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