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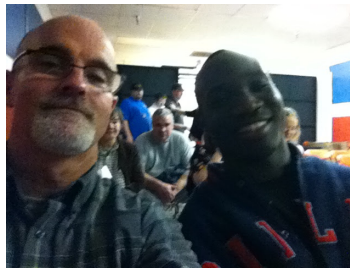
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September Update from the McCrackens in Portland

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This month saw big joys and deep sorrow.

\* The most jarring blow was the **massive stroke suffered by Vicki's father**. Fortunately, God spared his life but he has lost the ability to speak and is paralyzed on his right side. Thanks for praying for his healing and for the whole family as we endeavor to be a good support system for him and Vicki's mom.

\* Earlier in September we asked you to pray for Rajabu, the 19-year old young man from the Congo that Scott has been mentoring. He graduated from High School and was told he had to leave the home with his brother's family, with whom he had been staying since coming to the States 5 years ago. **GOD ANSWERED your prayers by not only providing him a VERY NICE place**

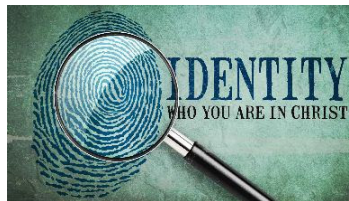
**to stay within his meager budget, He also provided landlords who are COMMITTED CHRISTIANS already doing a fantastic job of showing Rajabu the love of Jesus AND they found him a better-paying job with better hours!**

\* We hosted a **BLOCK PARTY** that saw about 45 people attending. We had a live Gospel band, a game that helped neighbors connect with each other, good conversation, lots of food, a drawing for a gift card to a local supermarket, and other games. Some people had lived on this street for FIFTY YEARS and did not know the people beyond the houses on either side and directly across the street. New people had just moved in this summer and had the chance to meet others. **Pray that the bridges built will see relationships formed and lead to other opportunities to share Jesus through words and actions.**

\* On September 29th **almost 50 leaders from the faith community in or neighboring Rockwood** gathered to discuss and pray about how to work more collaboratively, especially focusing on the issues of homelessness and mentoring at-risk youth. We had great speakers, including Brad Ketch (the director of the Rockwood Community Development Corporation) who cast vision for faith-based organizations leading the way in the transformation of Rockwood.

\* **Scott started teaching a 12-week class** at our church on our identity in Christ... "**Introducing the New YOU: who you ARE and what you HAVE in Christ**". *Please pray for Scott and our church leadership as they seek God together about **developing a strong discipleship ministry in our church.***

\* **On September 29th, our daughter Kendra, son-in-law Steve, and granddaughter Phoebe arrived for a 3-WEEK visit!!!!**



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