

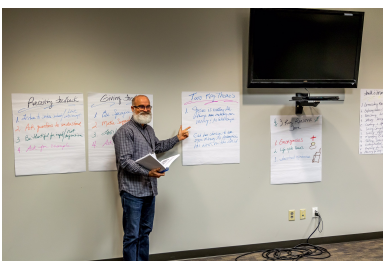
Update from the McCrackens in Portland

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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 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.*



Practicing teaching one of the sessions at



Much of the training involved small group



FAITH & FINANCES

In an effort to address what we believe are FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES for a community living in poverty, I will be more focused in the coming months creating Life Application Groups around the topics of marriage, parenting, and personal management of finances.

Toward that end, I (Scott) was recently trained to be a facilitator for the 12-week **Faith & Finances** curriculum. If you are familiar with the book "When Helping Hurts", you will recognize the name Chalmers Center (www.chalmers.org). These are the same folks who produced the Faith & Finances study.

In addition to being based on ***Biblical principles*** of financial management, one of the things I am most excited about (and what sets it apart from some of the more popular faith-based materials) is that it is ***specifically designed and focused for low-income people***.

Two other significant features include the ***emphasis of the local church's participation and leadership***, as well as the vital role **Allies (mentors)** play in **ongoing relationship-building** that includes a one-year commitment to regularly encourage, hold accountable, communicate with, and pray for (and with) the students.

Currently, I am making efforts to recruit Allies and volunteers to help with child-care and meals. I am also in conversation with churches, shelters, and low-income



Thanks for your continued prayers for the transitioning of Vicki's parents into our home. Thus far, things are going great. They are loving and godly people who are easy to have, and they continue to bless us in MANY ways. As you may remember, Vicki's father suffered a stroke back in September 2015 that he has never really recovered from so needs constant assistance, as he is unable to really speak or walk. In the picture on the left, he is holding his great-great nephew Olin Scot Headley. In the picture on the right, they are watching the nightly Jeopardy.



The In-Law Suite that Vicki's parents are building onto our house is projected to be finished in mid to late August.

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Thank God for helping Vicki's parents regarding their transition with us
- * Thank God the Annual Prayer Walk on Pentecost Sunday in Rockwood saw a dozen churches in Rockwood represented!
- * Thank God that even though our Shalom Rockwood Gathering on June 26th was our lowest attendance yet, it had the best relationship-building and times of prayer (in my opinion). Please pray for continued relationship-building and deepening of unity.
 - * Building of our support team
 - * Multiplication of Discipleship Huddles (new ones will start after the summer)
 - * Ellie will attend her first summer camp (July 9th-14th) since our move to Oregon



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