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Sep/Oct Update from the McCrackens in Portland

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 Two of my young friends who have been a big blessing to me in our mentoring



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 Kendra, Phoebe, and Steve on apple-



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 Our block party is such a great way to get to know neighbors and build relationships that

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Because of you...

Most of you PRAY and/or GIVE to support our family and ministry. **Because of you...**

- * Men in our Rockwood church (asischurch.com) are being disciplined to become **DISCIPLE-MAKERS** as part of Scott's discipleship huddle
- * **Rockwood neighbors** are getting **prayed for** on the streets, given **something to eat**, and **reminded** that God truly loves them and there is hope in Jesus
- * Scott was able to attend the Christian Community Development Association Conference in L.A. and learn from more experienced practitioners' lessons, principles, and methods in **community transformation**
- * **At-risk kids** from broken families **are being loved on** by Vicki (and others) in our Sunday School ministry
- * 2+ **at-risk young men** are in a long-term **mentoring relationship** with Scott
- * **Refugee kids** (and their parents) are getting regular reminders (through the monthly outreach we lead from our church) that **they are welcome and they are loved** by the God who was Himself a refugee. This is done through playing games, sharing food, and having intentional conversations at an apartment complex where many refugees and immigrants in Rockwood live.
- * A **prayer group** focused on the needs/opportunities of Rockwood has been formed and meeting weekly for 2 months. **The goal is to multiply** in the new year and have several such prayer groups around Rockwood focused primarily on prayer for the coming **Luis Palau (evangelistic) Festival to be held in Rockwood summer of 2017.**
- * **Planning Committees**, made up of diverse members from various churches in Rockwood, are being formed to prepare for this **summer festival** which we trust God to use to bring many into His Kingdom AND further unite the Church in Rockwood.
- * A Steering Committee of **Christian leaders in Rockwood** (chaired by Scott) has been formed and is being used to help **deepen the unity of God's people in Rockwood.**

These are just **a few examples** of how **YOUR PARTICIPATION** in this ministry is helping

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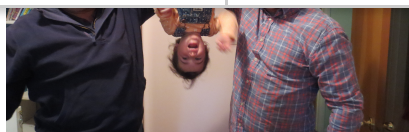
A Few Other Things...

- * We are so grateful that our daughter **Kendra**, son-in-law **Steve**, and **granddaughter Phoebe** were able to visit us for TWO WEEKS! Also our dear friends (and Steve's parents) **Themis and Donna Sirinides** were able to have an overlapping visit for 9 days
- * We hosted our **second annual block party** where about 40 of our diverse neighbors gathered together for 3 hours and shared food, played games, got to share pieces of each others' stories, had 2 grocery card raffles, and **built relationships** with new friends and old.
- * We had a visit from **Tom and Anne Stanczak** (and son Daniel)! They are **missionaries in Poland**. Anne and Vicki have been friends **since middle school**, and we all worked together in **Austria** many moons ago. While they were here, we were also able to have **Mark and Carey Chmarny** (and son Oscar) join us for dinner. **Mark was a 15-year-old refugee** from Poland when we first met him in Austria. He came to Christ there, **was disciplined by Tom, helped plant a Polish church** in Vienna (still there), and is now living about 40 minutes away from us! The fellowship and mutual encouragement with all of them was short but sweet.
- * Our sons **William and Kyle** both are in **Bible College in Greece**, and our son **Cody** is working for a year at a **Christian camp** on the coast of Oregon, so there are **only 3 of us** in the house on a regular basis now. **Come visit us!**
- * Nicky is currently visiting our team for a week, and staying with us. Formerly a missionary in Cambodia, she is **checking out our team** with a view to **possibly joining us** here.

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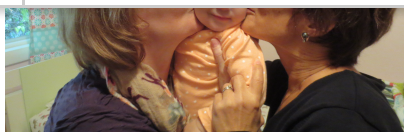
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The grandpas have
their way with
Phoebe...



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...and the grandmas
have their way!



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What do Poland,
Austria, Portland, and
the McCrackens have
in common? Our good
friends: the Stanczaks
and Chmarnys!



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