

## Prayer Needs from your missionaries at New City Church - Sept 1, 2007

### Praises!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Josh & Andrea Dornbos.** Some of you have prayed with us over the past several years for staff. Last week we had an amazing full time staff person start. His name is Josh Dornbos and he has a MSW from Michigan State. His wife has a degree in education is a teacher. Both are interested in working in our mission - but Andrea's main mission is their 3 month old: Aylah Grace. It reminds my of my parents moving to Nigeria when they had a 3 month old. Josh is fun, balanced, pleasant, experienced and instantly well received by the teens. Thank you GOD!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Two missions trips.** This summer was busy, full and fruitful. After a month of summercamp we sent a team to Colorado to host a VBS. We took the best of our summercamp material and used it to share the gospel in Colorado at Cragmor CRC. We brought some new kids and the whole thing was a growth and stretching experience. It was also a blessing for the 2 staff women (Wendy & Sarah) who lead our team. We also went on our annual trip to Michigan. Bob Springer (an amazing youth pastor at heart and a board member) went with Bob Springer. They took 8 kids and helped lead at a conference. They also presented 29/11 at an incredibly friendly church that supports us in Michigan called "Middleville".
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Staff Retreat.** We just spent 2 days away (thanks Faith CRC) praying about and dreaming about our vision. It was a dream come true to have 9 people (2 full time, 6 part time, 1 volunteer) around a table all committed to seeing God help us become an even better oasis of transformation in the city! We felt much renewed and sharpened for work.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Michigan.** My family and I were in Michigan to visit my parents for a week. It was wonderful to have good restful time with my family this summer. We needed it! It was also good to connect to Jud and Elaine Smeelink. They are part of our prayer support at Madison Square in GR. Praying with them in person made me realize how real these prayer letters are. You all are praying for us - and it makes a huge difference. Sometimes we just send them out and hope someone is praying. But Jud and Elaine really grilled me on all my requests - b/c they were actually reading them. Please email me one sentence of encouragement if you read this. It's good to know some people are praying!
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent group** - last month you prayed for our parent group that started. So far it's been an amazing success. Parents really do want to support each other and want to meet and talk about their needs. We're just getting started, but there seems to be real energy behind this.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ **House** - many of you prayed for our house to sell for the last 9 months. I sent out an email announcing we had closed on the house, but in case you didn't get it: praise God. We sold the house on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. It's done. Our life is now simplified in many ways. Thank you God.

### Pray

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Josh & Andrea** - Josh and Andrea moved 750 miles with a new baby away from every support they've ever had to move into a 2 bedroom apartment above the church in a neighborhood that is fine during the day, but loud and sometimes dangerous at night. They know exactly four people here and Andrea will need lots of support as a brand new mom and especially in the context of the culture shock of moving from happy land to Jersey City.

Please pray she will find friends, a church, a mom's group and involvement. Pray Josh will enjoy and be patient in the "starting up" phase of his work as teen employment director.

2. **Parent Group.** Keep praying for the group to form well. We would like it to become a catalyst for the after school center and a real recruiting network. Pray that we'll be wise in how much we lead and how much we let the parents lead.
3. **After School Center.** Pray for a good start to our after school center. We want to have more kids this year and we will be sharing the gospel more often. We will also be adding a bass class in January, as well as a recreation component. Pray for high enrollment and a great relationship with the feeder school: # 17.
4. **College students** - One of the best parts of this summer was seeing our Jersey City teens go off to local colleges but stick around to help lead New City. Pray for William, Dominique and Lamont who will help lead some of our ministries here. Pray also for EJ, Gigi, Stephanie, Brittany, Ashley, and more kids than I can remember right now who are all off at college. Pray that our ministry to and with college students will grow.