

Prayer Needs from your missionaries at New City Church - Feb. 8, 2008

Praises!

- Praise God for new staff - It is exciting to see our new staff working hard and owning the vision of New City. For a long time I have been praying that I would be able to gracefully extract myself from several key areas of our ministry so I could focus on areas where I am most needed. It's starting to happen!
- Spiritual Retreat - Jan 15 I took a spiritual retreat that was a big boost to my vision and energy. I heard some things from God that I have been able to implement - I've also really felt a renewed sense of God's presence in our ministry and in some key relationships with teens.
- "The Return" - We've started rehearsing and planning for our spring production. We have a crew of about 15 teens and it's great to see them own this production. The ideas and songs and pieces are really starting to percolate! This is also an answer to last month's prayer about more and better time with teens. We have meals together and there is good bonding time.
- Great staff - We have the best team we've ever had. It feels like such a blessing and such a responsibility. Praise God for his faithfulness.
- Interns - praise God for a whole batch of interns from Calvin College who are considering moving out to Jersey City. There is some really passion in some amazing young people to come and be part of a transformative process in the City!

Requests

- Broken Marriages - some of our teens are going through serious trauma at home because their parents are splitting up. You can pray for about 7 of our teens whose parents relationships are in jeopardy. During this time those teen practically live here. Pray that we will be able to help them stay connected to their main power source. Pray also that these relationships would find healing, forgiveness and grounding in Christ.
- Vision day - pray for us as a ministry on Feb 23. We had a great vision day last month and it spurred a follow up day this month. Our board and staff work really well together. Pray that God will help us form concrete plans!
- College Students - I am mentoring two college students who grew up in this ministry, now work here part time and have the potential to threaten the gates of the enemy. Pray for Lamont and William. They are both in a position to speak such truth into kids lives in a way I just can't. We have had really rich Bible Study's in Ephesians (we're on a 5 vs/wk plan that takes almost a year to complete). Pray that they will be able to turn this Bible Study around and each start discipling one person within the next six months.
- Interns - Right now 4-5 college students or recent grads from Calvin are considering moving to Jersey City. Pray that they will make the right decision. Their presence here could really help us be more effective disciplers and they could help us reach more kids at every level of development. Pray for 2 one year interns to come and 5 summer interns to come. Pray for the resources to support them (housing, living stipends and food!)
- Discipleship - Pastor Greg & the discipleship staff and I are asking you to pray for our teens to gain an "outward" focus so that the teens begin to pray for Jersey City.