

## Prayer Needs from your missionaries at New City Church - 1/16/2009

### Praises!

- God's Faithfulness - Praise God that all the finances we needed in 2008 came in and we were able to do God's work faithfully even as so many are losing their jobs and some people are not able to give as much. Many people gave extra. My year end letter was about how can we do this kind of work now that the economy is so challenging. The answer is - one person at a time, and so far that has been very true every day.
- Rest - all of us needed a rest at the end of the year. New City shut down for two weeks and there was much rejoicing! My own time with my parents and brother and dear friends in Michigan recharged me and refocused me.
- Great counsel - as we work to accomplish our mission here I am so thankful for the wise counselors God has assembled. We continually articulate our vision and ask the counsel of great board members and a host of urban ministry experts like Bart Campolo, Bruce Main, Dean Cowles and John Algera, and other urban experts like Bret Schundler.
- Prayer renewal - As we head into 2009 we are thankful for a renewed emphasis on prayer. We started the year with a week of worship and we are all spending more time in staff meetings in prayer. This makes a difference. Praise God for calling us back to prayer.

### Requests

- Teens - Here is a list of our teens. Each staff member personally takes 2-3 to disciple or pray for. Please join us in prayer for these teens: Khalil, Daniel, Marlon, Lucille, Lamont, Greg, Will, Chaiylah, Noni, Derrik, Tonia, Daija, Tia, Jamie, Raquel, Samantha, Christine, Muhammad, Tatianna, Taylor, Alex, Trudy, Tiffany, Tiffany, Edgar, Danitra, Monique, Prateek, Stefone, Stefan, Kenyatta, Indigo, Nehal, Anril, Stayson, Sherry, Desi, Tydekia, Paula. They represent so many many needs. One way to pray is just once a day for a week lift up one name. Especially if you've met that person.
- Former teen in mental institution - one of our former leaders from 5 years ago (call him Steve) is in a locked mental institution. He calls 1x per week for the last 5 years, mostly collect. We are literally his only life line to a sane brighter world. Pray for his healing as a person, and that we will know how to help him. Pray he gets adequate legal help.
- Teen in crisis - one teen whom we have worked very very hard to love and provide for is now pregnant. She will be kicked out of her program and will have to go into a shelter to finish out her pregnancy. She has chosen not to have the abortion even though she faces homelessness. She was severely abused as a child and is afraid if she gives the child up for adoption the same fate will await the child. Pray that she will find a safe place to live. Pray that we will know how to help her. Pray that the cycle of abuse would end with her.
- internships - our interns are experiencing some of the struggles of urban ministry - not just the kids' struggles but also the stress, the sense of inadequacy, the frustration at systems, the injustices, and the insufficiency of answers. Pray that they will grow tremendously through this experience and that this year with its hardships would be a catalyst for a life of service.
- Moms - pray for the moms of the after school center kids that Pastor Linda works with. They often work more than one job to make ends meet. They come to us with lots of burdens and every other week Linda runs a support group for them where they can share and help each other. It has been an incredibly source of emotional healing and safety for the parents. Pray especially for Alba.
- New City/Sara Groves Concert on April 24 (in Wyckoff at Cornestone Church) - (1) pray that the concert will be anointed and Sara Groves will be used by God to encourage all of us (2) pray that God will draw new people to this annual event (3) pray that the 12-15 churches involved will be blessed by their participation in this event.