

Prayer Alert!

Dear Praying Friends,

We would like to ask you to begin praying now, and remember to pray especially on December 29th for a very special outreach of which we will be a part.

About 600 CRU kids will be knocking on about 6,000 doors in the Rockwood neighborhood. They will be doing a survey to learn from residents about the neighborhood's challenges/needs and strengths/contributions. They will also be asking about prayer needs and interest in spiritual follow-up by local churches. They hope to have about 2,000 "spiritual discussions" on that day. Please pray for their protection, boldness, wisdom, sensitivity, and dependence on the Spirit.

Our team leader Maureen and I (Scott) will be leading the intercessory prayer team for this event. Please pray for us in our preparation of that foundational activity.

This neighborhood is of special interest to our team for the following reasons:

- 1) We had already been asking the Lord if this was the neighborhood He wanted us to focus our efforts on to help fulfill the 2020 Vision of International Teams (<http://www.iteams.us/2020-vision/>). Please pray for continued direction.
- 2) We have recently learned of a group of believers from different churches, businesses, and organizations who are very invested in bringing Christ to this neighborhood in a multitude of ways (partnerships). Please pray for our developing relationship with them, and that we would be humble learners and servants.
- 3) When we think of "root issues" that feed human trafficking, this neighborhood comes to mind more than any other in the Portland area: poverty, heavy gang activity, refugees/immigrants, dysfunctional and dissolving families, etc. (see attachment for examples). Please pray that we will effectively bring Light into their darkness.
- 4) We (the McCrackens) are living right on its border. Pray that we will know how to effectively communicate the Love of Jesus to our neighbors.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US IN INTERCESSION FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS EAST PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DESPERATELY NEEDS JESUS!

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki