



# GOD'S GRACE THE CHALLENGE & FAITH

## GOD'S GRACE

### We're almost there!

We wanted to give you an update on where we stand in between our monthly Almquist Pages. As we announced in the March page, we had postponed our move to raise some additional support. We were looking for the equivalent of about 15 people at \$100 per month at that time. We wanted to announce that a number of you have responded and we are down to a little less than \$500 a month left to go (or about 5 people at \$100 per month)!

We have been amazed as we have watched God work in people's hearts to burden you all for the expansion of his kingdom in New England. It is truly humbling to see and hear of the effort that goes up from you all in prayer.

## THE CHALLENGE

So what's next? As we mentioned, we still need a little less than \$500 per month to get there. We want to challenge all of you to open your hearts to God and pray that he would provide that relatively small amount over the **next two weeks**. Open your hearts to God, lifting up the work of his church in Portland, and seeking if he might be calling you to be a part of that work. We want to challenge each of you to seek if God is planning to use you in the next two weeks to:

- **Think of one person** that you know that might be interested in hearing about what God is doing in New England. Look through your address book or church directory and ask, "Who gets excited about God working in the world?" Then either speak to them about us, or let us know so we can approach them and share with them what God is doing so that they too can pray and join in his work.
- **Consider supporting us financially.** Ok, this is no surprise, but it's necessary. Some of you have expressed interest in supporting us and simply have not had the chance yet to send in your pledge. Please remember that pledges are to be paid over the next two years – you don't need to send it all now, though you are certainly welcome to. **Now is the time!** Please take 10 minutes and send it in (once again, we include a card with this).
- Many of you have already given or do give – thank you. Without you we would not be this close. However, we want to challenge you especially: **might God be challenging you to give more to him?** Perhaps he has recently given you something unexpected? Or perhaps he has been working in you to give more back to him? We ask you to search your heart and see if you are being called to do more for him. Again, thank you so much for your gifts.

## FAITH

Faith. Why is it the struggle of faith? Why is it that like Jacob wrestling with God in Genesis 32, a futile experience to be sure, we too constantly wrestle with God? Why even now, as we seek to step out in faith and move to Portland, do we wrestle with God and our faith? And yet, like Jacob, our wrestling with him is simply part of his plan. Like Jacob, our wrestling strengthens us. Not in ourselves, for Jacob left limping, but it strengthens our faith. As Jacob left that place limping, he left it with the blessing of God upon him. We too seek to leave this place, St. Louis, with the blessing of God upon us for his work in New England.

## TAKE THE TWO-WEEK CHALLENGE

Your challenge is:

- **Pray** that God would provide the small amount left in the next two weeks.
- **Think** of one person who you could share with about what we are doing.
- **Send** in your pledge. Now is the time to just do it (to borrow from Nike).
- **Challenge** yourself to increase your support trusting that God wants to use you even in his work.

# TWO~WEEK CHALLENGE 2005

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## Per and Beth Almquist

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Watch this space for details of our new location to be announced shortly!



## STATEMENT OF INTENT TO SUPPORT PER & BETH ALMQUIST

Yes, by faith, subject to God's provision, I (we) would like to express my (our) intent to give to **Per & Beth Almquist** and to Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church by:

**PRAYER:** I (we) would like to pray for the development of this ministry and for the hearts of people to be touched by the Gospel.

- ✧ Daily
- ✧ Weekly

**FINANCIAL TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFTS:**

- ✧ One time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ✧ Ongoing gift of
  - \$50 per month for 2 years
  - \$100 per month for 2 years
  - \$250 per month for 2 years
  - \$500 per month for 2 years
  - \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years  
(M)onthly, (Q)uarterly, (A)nnually 1 or 2
- ✧ Send me information on setting up an EFT or automatic withdrawal from my bank account.

**RECEIVE THE ALMQUIST PAGE (THE PRAYER LETTER)**

- ✧ By Mail
- ✧ By E-mail

NAME:	_____		
	(Title: Mr., Mrs., Ms.)	(First)	(Last)
ADDRESS:	_____		
CITY:	_____	STATE:	_____
TELEPHONE:	_____	E-MAIL:	_____

*This contribution will be made with the understanding that Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds, to assure their use for the intended exempt purposes. This statement may be revised or cancelled at any time should circumstances necessitate.*

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