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# HOPE FOR RENEWAL

## Prayer Newsletter

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



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On March 18<sup>th</sup> we closed on our house and received the keys! We moved most of our belongings April 2<sup>nd</sup> and plan to spend our first night in the Idora Neighborhood home April 14<sup>th</sup>. We have been able to restore gas, electric and water and even hot water service.

We will have to upgrade the electric service and plumbing service and some major plaster repair work in the near future. We still do not have heat at this point. We need to repair one pipe and then we will see if the boiler system is still functional. Please pray that all works well when we light the boiler and there are no leaks or damaged pipes and radiators.

Even though we do not have heat and the temperatures have not been cooperating we have still been able to make some repairs to the house. New glass block windows were installed in the basement, the damaged skimcoat plaster in three bedrooms was removed, two dead trees were removed and a new roof will happen soon. The main effort at this point is to get ourselves and our stuff out of our old house and into the new house. As soon as we have heat or the weather gets warmer we will be planning some workdays. Hopefully we can plan some specific workdays later in April and May and even in June. We will keep you updated through emails about dates and specific projects of each workday. If you would like to be part of the workdays we would love to have you participate, and we give thanks for all the help we have already received!

In Christ, Gary and Cindy

### YNDC'S March Work Day

Community volunteers from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, CUP Presbyterian Church, Victory Christian Center, and students from YSU boarded up and cleaned up a total of 19 vacant homes in the Newport neighborhood on Youngstown's south side. This workday is part of an ongoing effort to board up all vacant and unsecured homes in the neighborhood. A total of 20 cubic yards of blight were hauled off in dump trucks and over 50 tires were removed.

## Please Pray!

We have already been able to meet and talk with some neighbors. Please pray that God would open doors to build relationships in the community. Later this spring we will start to go door to door to introduce ourselves and the ministry in the neighborhood. Please pray that God would open doors and hearts as we meet the community.

Our prayer walking team will soon be able to get back outside and praying in the neighborhood. We will keep you updated when we decide to get back on the road.

Pray that the Gospel would be proclaimed and that God would give us opportunities to speak the name of Jesus as we seek God's leading to share God's love.

