

# Let's Keep Working

*We Know the Harvest is Ripe . . .*

## A Time to Say Thank You

Appreciation is defined as: gratitude; thankful recognition: the act of estimating the qualities of things and giving them their proper value; clear perception or recognition. We realize that our donors and volunteers hold a place of primary importance in the success of our organization. Because of your prayers and obedience to the Father in sincere generosity, the heart of His gracious promise is beating within this foundation. We want to take an opportunity to recognize you and demonstrate the unique value that you bring to this endeavor.

Please bring a friend and join us on Saturday, October 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., you will be served lunch, given a guided tour enjoy live music. At 2:00 p.m. we wish to extend a special recognition for your participation in God's vision for The Gracious Promise Foundation. Our celebration begins at 1:00 p.m. and we will be honored to see you here (a map has been included on the back of this page).

## With Open Hands

Two very excited little girls came by to visit several weeks ago. Their dad had explained to them that when God pours out blessings, those blessings can fall past hands that are closed while holding onto things. He told them that if your hands are open to receive blessings from him, as well as willing to share them with others, that their blessings would overflow. Brooke and Mattie decided to invite their friends to their combined birthday party, and to give all of their gifts to children who have a parent incarcerated. You would never believe the tremendous donation they brought to GPF. Over 100 attended their party, and the gifts filled their father's truck. The girls squealed with excitement as they brought the gifts into Gracious Promise. Kudos to Mattie and Brooke Galligan!



Mattie and Brooke sit, all smiles, with their "birthday" giving to those less fortunate children in need.

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## We're Halfway There...

*Your gift can still go farther!*

In our last letter, we shared that "a local Foundation has pledged to match every gift we receive to fund an expanded employment service and provide utility assistance". We are now thrilled to announce that your generosity allowed us to reach our first match of \$29,000! We were humbled by your response as so many sent gifts both large and small. However, more matching funds are still available, and **the timeline has been extended to November 1st for the remaining \$29,000 match.** Please tell your friends, or anyone who would like to give, about this wonderful opportunity! If you would like to give to this initiative, please note on your check that it is given to the "**Matching Grant**" fund.

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# Adopt-A-Family

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## Blessed to Give

As the holiday season approaches, preparation has begun to assist those children who will suffer the pain of separation because a parent is in prison. As a parent, you may understand that children don't always see the "big picture." They may not understand that Christmas is cancelled because of a parent's mistake. Because Christ is the reason for Christmas, I believe you already know the heart of the season we celebrate. In Acts 20:35, Apostle Paul exhorts us with these words.

I have shown you all things, how that so labouring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

We invite your partnership as we minister to the needs of the forgotten victims-the innocent children of the incarcerated. Perhaps, your Sunday school class, your women's Bible study or the friends in your department at work would consider joining with us to provide presents for these wounded families. You can Adopt-a -Family this Christmas season by calling our office at (913) 342-1707 and speaking with Michelle Steele. Thank you for your open heart.

You and Your Friends are Cordially Invited to  
Gracious Promise Foundation's

## Open House / Supporter Celebration

from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, October 18th, 2008

at the Gracious Promise Foundation  
1021 Pacific Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102

for Lunch, Tours, Live Music, and Recognition

We are located at 10th and Pacific, west of Downtown near I-70 and 18th Street. Once you've gotten on to 18th Street, continue North to Central and turn right. The next street is Pacific. Turn Right on Pacific and we will be on immediately on your left in a large, old post-office building.

From the South, take I-35 to 635N, then I-70E to the 18th Street North exit.

From the North, 635 South to I-70E to the 18th Street North exit.

From the East, take 435 to I-70W, then the 18th St. North exit.

From the West, take 435 to I-70E, then the 18th St. North exit.

