

# THE NEWS FROM



"Your grace is sufficient for me, for your power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power will rest on me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

**S**ince June 2009, God has blessed Grace's Kitchen abundantly: our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status was granted speedily, we've had the right number of volunteers each week, we have gained the trust of our regular breakfast guests, and the amount of in-kind and cash donations has exceeded our wildest expectations. This list could go on and on! We didn't come up with the idea for this ministry—God did—and we are trusting Him to show us what His plans are and to help us carry them out.

Many of you have asked what the next step is for Grace's Kitchen. Currently we are adding more volunteer opportunities, praying about ways to go spiritually deeper with those in the park, sharing about the ministry with different groups, keeping the lines of communications open with those who have a vested interest in downtown Birmingham, and anticipating where God will locate the restaurant. There are many things we are unsure of right now, but we know God that is in control and we continue to persevere by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to glorify God in everything because He alone is worthy of our praise!

—Lisa and Paula

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Needed:** Volunteers to prayer-walk around Linn Park as we serve breakfast on Thursdays and volunteers to pray in their homes from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays. We feel that strategic prayer covering as we minister in the park is imperative. If you would like to be added to one of these rotations, please send an e-mail to [paula@graceskitchen.org](mailto:paula@graceskitchen.org).

## BECOME A FAN OF GK

Join the **Grace's Kitchen Fan Page** on Facebook. We also invite you to share about our ministry with your circle of influence. Follow us on Twitter: [@graceskitchen2](https://twitter.com/graceskitchen2).

## ORDER A T-SHIRT

Due to some technical problems, we have lost all recent T-shirt orders. If you ordered a T-shirt, please send another e-mail to [tshirts@graceskitchen.org](mailto:tshirts@graceskitchen.org) with the size and color you would like. **Deadline is October 8.**



JESUS SAID, "I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD, YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." JOHN 16:33

## PRAY FOR...

- **wisdom and discernment of God's direction** for this ministry.
- **the people to whom we minister** in the park. Pray that they will find hope in Jesus Christ.
- **God's provision of the funds and the skilled people** needed to build out the restaurant once we find our location.
- **the neighbors** of our potential location.

## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

This month a couple of groups will be assembling nonperishable food bags for people all over our city to keep in their cars and give away whenever they see a need. If you would like to have some bags on hand, send an e-mail to [info@graceskitchen.org](mailto:info@graceskitchen.org) with "food bags" in the subject line. We will arrange a time for you to pick up yours.

## A SNAPSHOT OF OUR MINISTRY

Not everyone we serve in the park is homeless. **Melvin** is a grandfather who cares for his preschool-aged grandson. They live in low-income housing in downtown. Eating breakfast with us ensures they get a balanced meal that day. Because of the love and attention they receive from so many of our volunteers, they return almost every week. This reinforces the importance of establishing relationships.