

## Going Cross-Cultural in Manhattan

What would you do if a person from another world religion showed up in your living room for a Christian apologetics study? That's what happened to us a couple of months ago as we were studying the final lesson in Francis Schaeffer's *How Shall We Then Live?*. It really threw me for a loop, and I was scrambling to try to make the material understandable to someone from a very different worldview. But this person enjoyed it and has come back more than once to spend the evening with us.

Paula now gives extra thought to the food she prepares for those weeknight studies, and I give extra thought to how I teach our new book (*The Call* by Os Guinness), so as not to give undue offense to our new friend. I've enjoyed using the

things I learned during my years at Caleb Project to help bridge the culture gap.



Dinner & Discussion group at our house. Clockwise from Beni in the foreground is Chris, Ben, Amos, Sarah, Melissa, Paula, and Nate.

## Our first soldier to return from Iraq!

Joel and his family got involved with Christ the Redeemer Church while he was training to serve with the Army in Iraq. He is one of the six soldiers from our fellowship who are in Iraq, and he is the first one to return. His family has moved to Florida, but Joel recently asked me to pass on the following email to you:

*...Our experience with Christ the Redeemer Church was one that I could have never dreamed of. The hospitality of this church is second to none. Each week we were invited to share a meal and fellowship with one of the permanent members of the church. We were constantly invited to the Wilson's home for fellowship and discussion of God's Word. My wife and children were blessed by Paula and the Wilson children... The congregation, worship and fellowship has truly been a blessing to us, and I am so thankful to God for directing us to such a*

*wonderful church..."*

We are trying to minister to the soldiers while they are in Iraq, too. A highlight last month was a live phone dial-up during Sunday morning worship to hear Pete read our scripture for us! Paula meets once a week with Pete's wife to mentor her as well.



Marcos, one of our men still in the "sandbox."

## Kid's Corner: Beni

During the summer my brothers and I were able to contract a large amount of outside work from landscaping to lawn mowing to cleaning rental houses. This took up most of our time, but did get us a fair amount of money. We also have continued remodeling and repairing of tornado/hail damage. Most recently, we have been replacing the shingles on our house. We learned a lot about taking shingles off, laying tarpaper, and laying shingles. As fall moves in, grass and flowers aren't growing as much, so now we are practically done with the outside work.

This year, I am moving into tenth grade. However, because of the yard work extending into October, we were not able to start the school year on time. Pray that I will be able to catch up on this schoolwork before debate season starts. This will be my third year of debate and speech. Last year I did much better than the year before, making me hopeful about the upcoming year.

This September, I joined the second violin section of a Middle and High school orchestra that is taught by the conductor of

the K-State Orchestra. The music has been challenging, but with practice I have progressed greatly.

Pray that I will do well in my studies for God's glory. Also pray that I will be self disciplined.



**Our second son, Beniah Baruch – "Jehovah has built and blessed"**



- Praise God that we finally got our roof replaced to repair the storm damage from June. Pray that we can finish the siding repairs in a timely way.
- Please pray for God to enable us to be meaningful witnesses to our new foreign friend and to any others God brings our way.
- Praise God that our "Worship in the Park" event with Nathan Clark George went well with good attendance, and please pray for God's blessing on our Reformation Day party October 31.
- Please keep praying for Chip, our first elder candidate, as he completes his examinations by the presbytery commission.
- Please also remember our soldiers Josh, Carl, Pete, and Joel, and their families, in prayer as they finish their service in Iraq and re-adjust to life in their homes in the USA. Pray also for our soldiers Gary and Marcos as they begin their deployments in Iraq and for Joe and Jacob as they transition out of the Army into different careers.
- And remember Beni in your prayers – see his article above.



**Paula with Aletheia**

