



"Rise"

Yes I will rise. Out of these ashes rise. . . Cause He Who is in me is greater than I will ever be.

-Shawn McDonald



January 2014

Walkup Family Update



Top 10 of 2013

1. Selah turning ONE!
2. Kiwi Scripts, LLC being established
3. Starting a small group
4. Finn loves his new pre-school
5. Greg & Rachael celebrate 7 yrs of marriage.
6. Finn graduates to yellow belt in Karate.
7. Paid off our van!
8. Felt first hand the church being the hands & feet for us.
9. God leading us
10. Celebrating Christ this Christmas

A New Year. A Fresh Start.

Everything changed for us on Saturday, October 12th.

As most of you know, we lost our home and belongings to a fire. Since then life has been a whirlwind. Between dealings with our insurance company, to fire investigators, to utility companies, to construction companies...we've been busy!

But we thought a new year is a great time to give everyone an update and to thank everyone for all the generosity we have received over the last few months.





This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, is both strong and steadfast. – Hebrews 6:19

But first – here's an update on us...

Since October, our first goal was to find a temporary place to live. We found a beautiful rental property to live in. We are in Fieldstone Glen and love the community here. We moved in at the beginning of November.

Our friends have let us borrow all types of furniture so we can replace a little at a time. That has been a huge blessing as it was very overwhelming to think of replacing everything in a whole house!

We were also given enough funds in the Helping Hands account to pay off our van auto loan. Thank you for that debt being lifted. What a blessing!

Now onto our house...after a lot of talking and praying - we decided that it would be best to look for another home. It was just too emotional to go back to

Bridgetowne. We have seen God move so much through this process. This was no different. Before we even put the lot for sale - Daniel Harper (a friend of ours) offered to buy our lot as an investment for his business – Renew Properties. We said YES! And closed on that sale on Friday, December 20th.

So now, we are simply looking for our new home. We have full confidence that the Lord will show us what house to get next. We are looking, waiting, and trusting for the right one!

Our prayer/hope is that our permanent home will be found in the next few months!



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THANK YOU!

We really feel like "thank you" isn't enough. We are so incredible grateful for every card, note, prayer, gift-card, check, cash, text, email, and donation. So many people gave to us – friends, family, church family, coworkers, anonymously, even people we don't personally know. Wow - thank you to all!

We've included a few pictures of our closets. All of them are full of donated clothes. Everything piece of clothing was either bought or donated. That is just amazing. We are so incredible grateful.

As we start a new year, we pray that Jesus has shined through us and to you. Christ is and always will be enough for us!

We made a video as a way to thank you as well. You can view that by clicking here:

<http://tinyurl.com/WalkupThankYou>

Love - Greg, Rachael, Finn (4 yrs), Selah (20 months), & Savannah

