



# The Wills' Wire



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Howdy from Atlanta! This will be the first of our monthly updates. We are so thankful for all of your prayers and supports and hopefully this will be a guidepost for prayer requests as well as praises. And so it begins...

## Community

Our household is thriving as 3 young couples embark on a brand new journey in life. We are living in a neighborhood known as English Ave. Only a couple blocks from the Georgia Dome and downtown. So far the neighbors we've met have all been very welcoming, including, "Able" Mable Thomas, who is a city council representative that is very involved in our community. Many houses on our block are empty and under renovation as our neighborhood goes through some aesthetic changes. Also, our neighborhood is in the running for a federal grant known as the "Weed and Seed" program which will weed out some of the negative aspects of the neighborhood and seed in some positive influences and programs that will benefit the people. It is so exciting to be a part of the social progress going on in the neighborhood.

## Work Site

We are spending most of our time working at The Stewart Center, known by the neighborhood of Reynoldstown as, "The Blue Center," for its' sky blue exterior paint. There we each teach a class as part of the after school program. Sara teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and I teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. All of the kids live very close to the neighborhood and it is a free service for the parents. While they are there they participate in group playtime and learn a short bible lesson each day as well as spend some time working on their homework and enriching their learning skills. Many of the kids are behind in relation to state and national standards. So far it has taken a very concentrated effort to work with each kid in order to meet the varying needs. It has been a huge blessing to work with these children and daily it becomes more apparent to us just how important children are to God.

## Church

Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights we spend our time worshipping and fellowshiping at New Life Covenant Church. The church is about half a mile from our house and the walk over allows us more time to be noticed by our neighbors and participate in fellowship with them. The congregation is between 30-40 and is predominately African American but remains diverse in nature. So far we have been very welcomed by everyone including our pastor who invited us over for dinner.

## Prayer Request

- Our Neighborhood
- Our Safety
- Our daily impact on the children
- Financial Support

If you find yourself led to give, please send your tax deductible contributions made payable to D.O.O.R, a Mission Year partner that handles our finances, to 430 West 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, CO 80204. Please make sure to designate your donation towards us by writing our names in the memo section of the check as well as our city, Atlanta. You will receive a receipt for each gift given.



**Randy, Jeremy, Brittany**

**Ben and Sara Wills**

**love God.  
love people.  
nothing else matters.**