

The Lowedown

A monthly newsletter from the life and ministry of Dave & Jennifer Lowe

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We've Moved!

About a year ago, we began thinking about doing an addition on our house. We drew up some plans and dealt with all the financing issues and then in May, we began destroying our backyard in preparation for the new addition.

Little did I know then how much work would go into getting this project completed.

There have been some times of stress and anxiety, especially for Jen, as our house has been a construction zone and stuff has been strewn everywhere.

About a month ago, with all that has happened, we finally decided it was time to move. And so we did. That is, we moved into our new bedroom. The walls are painted, the carpet's laid, the closets are done, the doors are on, the lights are in.

About 2 weeks ago, our bathroom was finally completed and we've finally been able to use it.

We're very excited. But the project is far from over. There are still many things that need to be completed. As I write this letter, our old bedroom is being completed. We've pulled up the old carpet and we're refinishing the hardwood floor that's underneath it.

Baseboard still need to be installed. Flooring is not complete. Cabinets still need to be put in, especially in the garage, which has been in disarray for six months now.

There's still touch-up painting and molding issues. Doors need to be painted and some closets need to be finished. And I haven't even begun to think about the outside. We still have some concrete to pour; part of the house needs to be painted and a couple of large dumpsters probably would not be enough for all of the debris that is still littering our back

yard.

I've been reflecting recently on the scope of this project. I wish I had kept a journal of every thing that has happened from the first step (taking out a tree to make room for the shed which had to be moved), to the end of this project.

It seems that there have been a thousand steps to getting to where we're at now. And we're still not done, even though some of the house is now usable.

As I thought about all the steps, I could not help but think about how all this is like what we're doing on campus.

What we've been doing here in Davis and Sacramento for the past 10 years is building movements. We've been in the process of building movements that will raise up laborers who will take the gospel to the world.

As we've been a part of this job of building, there's been a thousand steps along the way. And though we've seen many wonderful things happen—like seeing students go on summer projects and go into full-time ministry—the job is still not complete.

In fact, the job will never be complete. That's how God's kingdom is. It's a building project that affects the lives of people everywhere, but it is never complete until Jesus himself comes back.

What's holding Him back? What's keeping Him from returning? Well, the Bible says He's preparing a place for us all. When I think about how much time it's taken me to build my place and I think about how much longer Jesus has been working on the places He's preparing for us...well, let's just say that I think the place Jesus is building will blow away the place we've been building.

Thanks so much for how you've been a part of the process of helping us to build God's kingdom. The work is going well, but it's not over. We are grateful, therefore, for your continued partnership.

Family Update

- Jacob and Joshua are enjoying first grade and are learning a lot
- We just started Little League. Jacob and Joshua are in their first year of "Farm". It's a level up from T-Ball where they hit from a pitching machine.
- I am the coach of the team. Not sure what I was thinking. **PRAY** for me. :-)
- Our team is the White Sox.
- Jen and I will be leading a summer missions team to the Middle East this summer. **PRAY** for us, but don't worry. Where we're going is very safe.
- We are putting together our team now. We need more men on our team. Please **PRAY** for that.
- We'll also be raising support for our summer mission. We'll tell you more about that in the next month or so. But please begin **PRAYING** for God to provide all that we will need.
- We are enjoying our church and are active as leaders of our Sunday School class.
- Life is full, but we are enjoying this stage of life.
- Please pray for our health, both physical and spiritual. **PRAY** for us to have wisdom as we parent our boys and try to lead them spiritually.