

Greetings. I have some great news to share with you. The run-down, unusable buildings on our new property were demolished last week! I am grateful this risk-filled liability is now gone.



RPM New Property Prior to Demolition

I'm also grateful for the wise counsel of those who went through the building with me after we purchased it two years ago and agreed we should not attempt to use or rehab this facility. The structure was so unstable that once the backhoe operator started demolition, whole walls crumbled at the slightest nudge.



Demolition in Progress!

This clears the way for our new Ministry and Community Center where we will provide expanded and improved literacy and family support services. For 30 years now, RPM has empowered and equipped our Roosevelt Park neighbors, many of whom are immigrants. In the last four years our circle of impact has steadily widened, and we are now drawing people from multiple communities. Last semester we had students and clients come from as far as Cedar

Springs to the north, and Alto to our south. They are dedicated, hard-working men and women, who sometimes struggle to speak and understand English and often lack basic computer skills. Literacy opens the door to better lives at every level.



Ready for New Fence and Asphalt

We are also pursuing partnerships to help us create 40 to 50 new apartments for low-income seniors to be built as three additional stories above our new classrooms and offices.

To take the next critical steps, we'll need significant financial help. We need to finish paying off this property - \$250,000. We need to repave the cleared area and our existing parking area. Initial estimates for this - \$32,000. We are also required to install new fencing around the property - I'll let you know when those estimates come in. These required improvements, though costly, are necessary to keep RPM the same secure, safe, welcoming space it has been for the past three decades.

I'm excited to see what God has for this next phase of ministry. Please keep RPM, our board, staff, and students in your thoughts and prayers as we boldly move forward. We are trusting God to provide the volunteer help, staff, and financial support necessary to keep us strong. Thank you for standing with us as we use literacy and the love of God to help our neighbors build futures full of dignity, stability, and hope - for themselves and all our future generations.

If you want to help us make room for even more of our neighbors, you can send a check (envelope included) or go to our website to donate. Or simply scan the QR code with your phone or tablet -- it will take you directly to our donation page.



May resurrection power fill your life with light and love,

Joel B Groat, Exec Dir.

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