

Crossroads Connection

Crossroads School

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Patience In The Process!

Waiting on God's Timing

Waiting can be hard. Children know it, and so do adults. We live in a world of fast food, instant messaging, on-demand movies and immediate answers to the most trivial or profound questions. We don't like to wait! So waiting for all the pieces to fall in place and for all the funding to come in for Crossroads School is proving to be a challenge of its own!

We have students who want to attend, volunteers who want to teach and a building willing and waiting to house the school! What we don't have and are waiting for is the funding to come in so we can officially pull the trigger and enroll students! As soon as we raise only \$30,000 more, we'll announce the opening of the school.

We will be continuing to contact friends, families and supporters of Crossroads to help get that needed funding. Many of you have already contributed--thank you! We are still looking for individuals and families who will make a contribution, and we strongly believe it can be done one donor at a time and one dollar at a time. We are asking each recipient of this email to consider a commitment of \$10 or more a month - together we can change the life of a child **\$1 at a time!**

We recently established a Paypal account for those of you who prefer the convenience of giving online--simply visit our website (www.crossroadslongmont.org) and click on "Donate Now." Be aware that Paypal receives about 3% of your donation as a handling fee. You are also welcome to mail a check to: Crossroads School, 1212 S. Terry St., Longmont, CO 80501. Thank you!

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Garage Sale Update

Success!!

The garage sale was a great success, and raised over \$2,000 for Crossroads! We had two PODS packed full of donations! We spent all day Friday unpacking and setting up. It took four hours just to get the two PODS unpacked because we had so many generous donations, from 25 different families! We finally called it a night around 9:30 Friday evening. Ted, Barb's husband, and the kids "camped" out at the church so the rest of us could



get a good night's rest before the sale on Saturday. The sale was scheduled to open at 8:00 am but people were coming all day Friday as we set up and as early as 7:00 Saturday morning! In fact, we made over \$300 on Friday while setting up! We hoped for no rain and were blessed with two days of sunshine, as evidenced by the sunburns we all received. Except for some seriously strong winds on Saturday morning the weather was great. A HUGE thank-you to all the volunteers who helped with loading, unloading, sorting, and selling--we couldn't have done it without you!

Individualizing Education at Crossroads

Student Roadmaps

Assessment is a very valuable tool used to understand where a student's strengths and weaknesses lie. Testing provides a "road map" for instructors which allows them to navigate efficiently and productively along the "highways" of education. It is important to understand where to build upon already solid understandings, and where to reinforce and strengthen the less solid areas of a student's learning foundation. It is critical that the weaker areas be addressed so that future learning will "stick" and the student can advance right along with the curriculum.

As students enter Crossroads School, they will be given an educational assessment battery in order to discover how they are "put together" for learning, where their educational foundation is solid and where any weaknesses may lie. It is with that information that we will move forward in an effort to effectively teach to their strengths, while we strategically work to solidify weaker areas. Curriculum and materials will be individualized for students in order to maximize their learning, making it meaningful and relevant to each individual student.

***Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.
Psalm 37:7a***
