

Payoff 4A Purpose

We are normally preparing for our annual fundraiser, "Pedal 4A Purpose," this time of year. But, this year, we will be hosting a virtual fundraiser, *Payoff 4A Purpose*, with the exciting opportunity to pay off ROP's mortgage!

\$50K Matching Grant

The Anschutz Foundation has committed a \$50,000 matching grant toward reducing the mortgage on ROP's building. Paying off the mortgage would free up \$27,000 per year to go toward ministry expenses instead of mortgage debt. This would enable us to serve even more in our community, and also assist with staff salaries (which are currently mostly raised from friends and family).

Will you join us?

More details to come, but this virtual fundraiser will happen in the fall of 2020. Watch for details in our upcoming emails!



Children's Ministry Hits the Streets

After needing to cancel several weeks of planned children's day camp this summer, ROP's Children's Ministries Director, Ashley Leopold, decided to make the camp mobile! Two weeks ago, she made and delivered 120 bags to kids in the ROP area. Each bag contained Bible character activity pages teaching "resilience," a packet of school work practice pages, crayons, pencils, and a small toy. Each Monday for the next month, she is re-visiting all the kids to hand out prizes for those that did the packets, and delivering the next set of Bible character activity pages and school work pages.

This last Monday, Ashley and one of her volunteers, Dixie, were able





ESL Classes Return

We continue to pray and think about how to safely and creatively reach out to our community during these challenging times of social-distancing due to Covid-19.

With most school districts now planning to return to online learning at least initially, we know it will be a challenge for some to leave their kids, but we are still hoping to offer ESL (English as a Second Language) classes again to the refugees and immigrants in the East Colfax neighborhood.

We will hold registration for these classes September 1-2, and then begin classes on September 8.

We will meet in areas of ROP's building that are big enough for social distancing. Teachers will wear clear face shields, so students can see how to pronounce words, and all the students will wear masks.

We greatly appreciate your prayers for 1 or 2 more volunteer teachers, a group of committed students, and flexibility for all of us as we navigate challenging circumstances!

to deliver new packets to nearly all of the 120 children that received one the first week, and they handed out an additional 80 bags to new kids, for a total of 200 bags given to kids!

They were also able to pray for two women who had severe back pain, and whose surgery had been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. One of the Afghan women they visited was very lonely and extremely happy to see them. She welcomed them into her home and offered them all of the fruit she had on hand. She cried with thankfulness over the packets for her children, and the prayer of healing for her back.

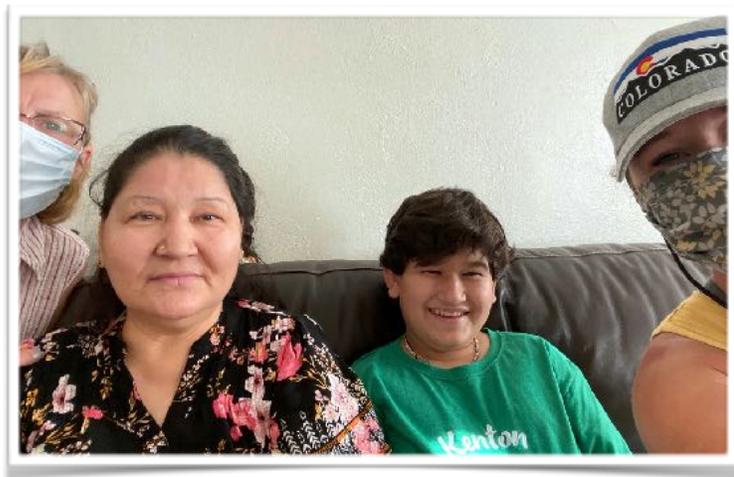
"All the kids were so excited to see us, to show the work they had done from the previous week, and to receive little prizes," Ashley said.

They encountered many people that were excited to learn about ROP's food bank program and ESL classes, and Ashley said they even met a few who had attended ESL classes at ROP in years past!

Through these children's packets, God has allowed ROP to share the gospel with families from many nations, including Burma, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Central Africa, Congo, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mexico, Honduras and many others!

Ashley's hope is that, through building these relationships, the kids will eventually want to attend ROP's weekly children's outreach meeting on Wednesday evenings.

Please pray God uses these weekly packets to reveal His love to these children, their families, and their communities.



To get involved in this ministry by helping to deliver packets on Monday evenings, or by donating small new toys for prizes, email Ashley: ashley@restorationoutreachprograms.org