



Monthly Update

# AUGUST 2025



## Dear Friends,

I'm excited to greet you all at the beginning of our 2025-26 school year! Our students and staff have enjoyed the months of summer, but there is always a yearning to get back to this place that brings hope and joy into our lives. I'm glad Rehoboth Christian School serves as that kind of beacon for our community.

Our school theme this year is "Rooted," based on Colossians 2:6-7. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

When we met together as a full staff to kick off our orientation week, we looked at examples of different trees whose roots sustain their life and longevity—even when the conditions don't seem favorable. The Lord wants us to root ourselves in Christ and in His Word so that we too can flourish, withstanding anything that comes our way, and bear fruit that blesses the whole world.

This summer, I went to a basketball camp with my son, and the director talked to all of us about "the super-power of gratitude," calling it, "the reset button for our minds and hearts" when we're weighed down by anger, anxiety, skepticism, or similar feelings. It's no wonder our theme verse says that strong roots in Jesus will lead us to overflow with thankfulness. In that spirit, I'm grateful for our Student Sponsorship program, which you'll find highlighted this month on our school calendar.

Student Sponsors encourage and strengthen the roots of our learners as they provide letters, cards, and gifts—at times, even visiting students on Rehoboth's campus or celebrating with them at graduations. We are thankful for the commitment of our sponsors who take time to build a relationship of support from across the country while also providing tuition assistance funding through their financial gifts.

Overflowing with thankfulness for all of you,



Dan Meester,  
Executive Director

## How can you pray for our school and community?

- Pray for the new students and families starting at Rehoboth this year. May they experience the love of Christ through us and grow more deeply rooted in Him.
- Pray for our teachers and staff as they begin another year. There will be highs and lows as there always are, so we ask God to walk with us every step of the way, knowing that our joy is made greater in Him, and our sorrows are softened by His love.
- Pray that more families continue to consider Rehoboth as the right school for their children. We are very close to our budgeted enrollment number for the year, but we can still use a few more students.

# Current Needs

## • TUITION ASSISTANCE

We are grateful for the generous gifts given towards tuition assistance for Rehoboth students last school year, helping us to provide affordable Christian education to all families in our community who desire it. As we begin the new school year, our budgeted tuition assistance need is **\$1,950,000** to allow us to continue to keep Christian education affordable. We are off to a good start with \$144,544 received from gifts in the month of July. Please consider a gift to help us meet this need for another school year.

## • SALT PROGRAM (Students All Learning Together)

The financial needs for the SALT Program for the 25-26 school year total **\$380,993**. Families in our community seek out Rehoboth for their children needing additional support because of the highly regarded reputation of our SALT staff and program. We ask for your continued support for the SALT program throughout the 25-26 school year.

## • KUIPERS GYM RENOVATION PROJECT

We are thankful for the generous gifts that we received during the summer months to significantly reduce the need for this project. As of August 5, the remaining need to fully fund this campaign is **\$202,324**. Please consider a gift in the coming months to help us complete this campaign so we can break ground

## • REHOBOTH SOLAR-PHASE #2

We are excited to begin the next phase of our solar energy production. Due to the recent federal legislation that will end the 30% direct credit for renewable energy in 2026, we are moving forward with a project to install a solar array on our High School and Sports and Fitness Center. We anticipate the total project cost to be in the ballpark of \$500,000. If you are interested in knowing more about the project and how you can support it, please reach out to Ken Zylstra, Director of Advancement.

## • STAFF AMAZON WISHLIST

As we begin another school year, our staff have updated their lists. They appreciate your support! Scan QR Code to access the wishlist on your phone or tablet.



Thank you for your continued support and prayers!  
If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us:

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2025-2026  
School Theme: "ROOTED"



COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

*As a school, as an expression of a worldwide faith, we are rooted in Christ not just as individuals but as a community. There is strength and comfort in our shared vision and mission, and beliefs and experiences as disciples of Jesus—together. From elder trees to young saplings, towering giants to the scrawny and even dying, our collective roots are anchored into a deep, rich, mysterious soil that spans time and space.*

*This particular forest is made of ponderosa pine trees, a tree very familiar to those residing in New Mexico and the Southwest.*

*The forest is a place in which to retreat and recreate, to find peace and rest, and to be rejuvenated, to reestablish our rootedness to the Creator and his creation. It is also a place of resource and sustenance.*

*-Theo Bremer-Bennett,  
Creator of theme design,  
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