



Plumb Line



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PROGRESS SO FAR

Stucco! Stucco!

Wow! Some time while I wasn't looking, the building changed colors! I must say, that new stucco looks a lot better than the sheathing we've been looking at for so long.

The process of putting that stucco finish on the building is pretty interesting; there's a lot more to it than I thought. First, they covered the building with a special stiff paper of some sort. Then, they added a one-inch layer of foam insulation to the walls. (That layer of foam adds about 10 points to the R-value of the insulation, by the way; Pastor Archer described it as 'wrapping the whole building in a blanket.'). Once the foam was in place, they wrapped the building in nylon mesh netting. Then, they applied a layer of synthetic concrete to stick the netting to the foam insulation. Finally, they mixed up the stucco and applied it to the outside.

The stucco itself is a rubberized synthetic material that is resilient and flexible, and it should wear well. Moreover, the color goes all the way through the stucco; it's not painted on, it's just 'naturally' that color!

Heavy Metal

No, no, I'm not talking about that nasty music (or Pat Boone, for that matter!). The rest of the metal sheeting for the roof has arrived! Now, as soon as our intrepid roofing crew can schedule the work, we can watch the last little bit of tar paper and sheathing vanish beneath nice-looking metal panels. A lot of folks are impressed by how nice that roof looks; we tip our hats to the roofing crew!

The Doors Are Here

We've got a really impressive stack of entrance doors out at the site! Right at the moment, they're leaning up against a wall inside the foyer, but they should be going up in a little while. They are really sharp-looking glass doors with deep bronze frames, and I'm looking forward to seeing them up in the doorways.

WHAT'S NEXT?

1-2-3 CHARGE!

The fire sprinkler system is up and running! The fire marshal came out the other day and 'charged' the system, making sure that the sprinkler pipes could stand up to 200 pounds of pressure for an hour without leaking. Our pipes passed the test with flying colors, and now we have sprinkler coverage throughout the building.

From this point on, be particularly careful about lighting up your nasty cigars or having heated discussions in the new building -- if things get too far out of hand, the sprinklers will come on! We wouldn't want everyone on the job site to get sprinkled, now, would we? They might think they'd become Methodists all of a sudden!

Land Ho?

Those are NOT portholes on the side of the building.

Really, they're not.

I called them 'portholes' once, but was immediately corrected. Those octagonal windows match our octagonal building, and they're really quite stylish. They help light up the office space and workrooms on the first floor, and I think they're slick whether anyone else calls them 'portholes' or not!

Hmmm... I wonder if I could get away with adding a few windows like that to my house. Do you suppose Vicki would notice?

South Wall Covered

The sheathing has finally made it all the way up the south wall! Three cheers and a tiger for the framing crew, who erected a gigantic scaffold and wobbled around on top of it to get those last few pieces of sheathing in place.

That wall is really scary! In case you haven't looked, it's easily the tallest wall on the building. The peak at the top is about 25 feet off the ground. Bravo, brave framers!

Carpenters Are Coming!

On July 14th, a team of 20 carpenters from Mississippi will arrive to help on the new building! Pastor Archer is chuckling to himself, planning out ways to keep them busy on various projects at the site.

Things have been progressing at a rapid clip out there on the new building, and I expect the addition of 20 carpenters to the crew will help out a lot. Help us welcome these folks when they arrive!

Working Hours

The work schedule varies with the weather, occasional hold-ups experienced while waiting for material, and other reasons. In general, there's something going on all the time weekdays and Saturdays unless the weather turns really bad.

For specific dates and times, ask around -- DeeDee Minne is helping Pastor Archer coordinate the volunteer effort, and you can also grab someone on the construction team to find out about day-to-day operations on the site.

Back Talk!

Got a question? Want to make an announcement? Want to recognize someone for a job well done? Get it in the paper! Contact **Philippe Nave** at **469-8327** (home) or **538-3150 (work)** (send e-mail to pnave@lucent.com)

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