

Committing to Learn is the Key to Success

Pablo and Coleman

Pablo first came to the U.S. looking for work in 1997. Later his wife Linda joined him.

For Pablo, lacking English skills was not an issue, since his work colleagues were also native Spanish speakers. Linda, however, wanted to be able to communicate with her neighbors, store clerks, doctors and



others she encountered in the community. After getting connected with Literacy DuPage and improving her English skills, Linda encouraged Pablo to do the same.

Pablo was paired with Coleman, a University of Chicago MBA who – having made his mark in the business world – decided it was time to become more active in community and volunteer activities. Pablo has experienced the benefits of improving his speaking ability noting, "I have more opportunity with my job now".

The couple's dedication to learning is inspirational. While Linda continues to enhance her writing skills, Pablo is focusing on reading comprehension.