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Discipling our Students for Jesus

At the start of the school year, teachers, students, family, church members, and others who are connected with our Mountain View Conference schools met at Valley Vista to receive special training on how to intentionally disciple our students for Jesus and nurture their walk with Him as their best Friend and Lord.

Pastor Don Maclafferty shared practical ways to reach our students for Jesus. Students who attended the retreat were encouraged to participate and learn ways to share their faith with their peers. The focus was to develop a community among the church, the school, and its families to start a revival and foster a closer walk with God, from our youngest members to our most experienced ones.

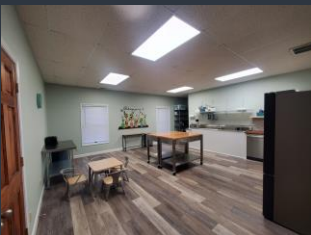
It was a spiritually refreshing weekend. Since returning, students have been

encouraged to come to Jesus as they are, surrender all that they are, all that they have, and their attitudes, spend time in God's Word seeking a fresh picture of Jesus, and ask for the Holy Spirit on a daily basis.

If you would be interested in joining in this movement to draw closer to Christ and disciple others for Christ, reach out the school teacher.

School Building Update

The new school building is beautiful. There are a few pictures in the left column. God truly has been blessing GVA in this new endeavor. The school stepped out in faith and moved to this larger location. By God's grace and the Wigglesworth's generosity, we were able to move into just in time to start school. Though our numbers are low this year, we keep receiving evidence that God is in this move and will work everything out in His time and way. One concern going into this (continued on page 2)



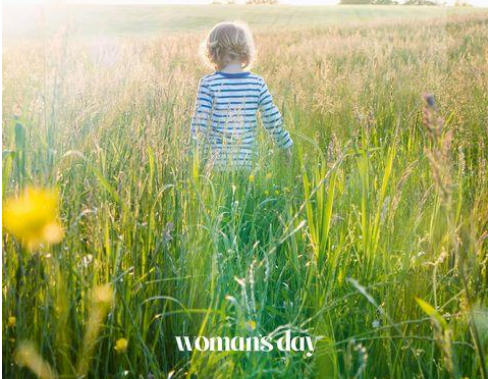
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was the cost of the utilities. A donor offered to pay the first six months of utilities. And then just recently, another six months of utilities has been pledged! God is faithful to provide all our needs.

Another huge blessing that has the potential to help grow our school is the Hope Scholarship. The scholarship was put on hold this summer as it went to court, but the court recently ruled in favor of the Hope Scholarship. This means that those who are entering Kindergarten or have attended public school may receive funds to attend a private school of their choice. We hope to see significant growth in our school this next school year from families who will utilize the scholarship.

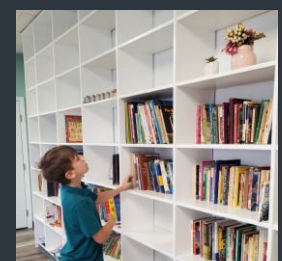
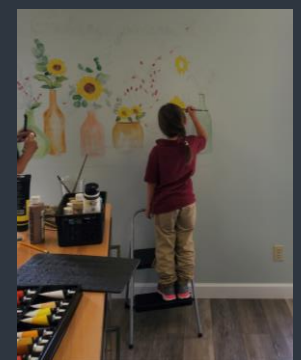
“Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it.”

PROVERBS 22:6



Standards-Based Education

Mountain View Conference educators participated in training for standards-based education at the beginning of the school year. The North American Division has worked with Marzano Research to develop and streamline the target learning goals that students in each grade level need to achieve. Students have clear learning goals and are required to become proficient in the content before moving on. Standards-based learning ensures that the essentials are being taught and that students grasp the standard before rushing on to the next lesson. This is just one way that our Adventist schools offer a quality education in a state that ranks near last in education. GVA enjoys a small, family-like atmosphere while accessing large school privileges and opportunities.



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