

Monthly Newsletter

Greetings

Hi! I hope this finds you doing well. Last month's letter was sent late, but if I've learned anything while at BV, it's how fast paced and active things are with school and everything that goes on outside of it. I do want to mention how happy I truly am here. In a very short amount time, I've learned much at the feet of godly and knowledgeable people, grown close to my new family, and participated in several fun and encouraging activities. I know I'm going to enjoy my stay here, and that's possible because of the prayerful and financial support that so many generous people share with me. On behalf of myself and all BV students and teachers, thank you!



Conclusion of Fasting Project

In my previous newsletter, I mentioned the fasting project I had participated in. I am happy to say I am once again enjoying food! I had set a goal for 41 days but threw in the towel at day 30. I want to make it clear that I didn't do it for strictly spiritual purposes, but rather more of a learning experience. However, with the knowledge I now have, I hope to revisit this later in a more spiritual sense. Overall, it was a super fun experience and I learned much about myself I didn't know before.

P.S. I learned some very interesting things from this experience, so if you are interested or have questions, feel free to reach out and I'd be happy to talk about it.

Various Events

Lectureships – On the weekend of September 19-22, the Bear Valley congregation hosted its annual lectureships on the topic, “Igniting the Churches Love for Preaching.” With 36 speakers, 53 sessions across several rooms, other events, and hundreds of attendees, it's safe to say this year's lectureship was a success. I'd say most everyone walked away with a renewed respect and appreciation for the preacher and his work, and many preachers were refreshed and remotivated to keep going in their ministry.

Movie night – One of the things I love about school family is how often we throw together events and ways to spend time together outside of the classroom. Most recently, we got together to watch *The Princess Bride*! It started with a couple of us planning to get Indian

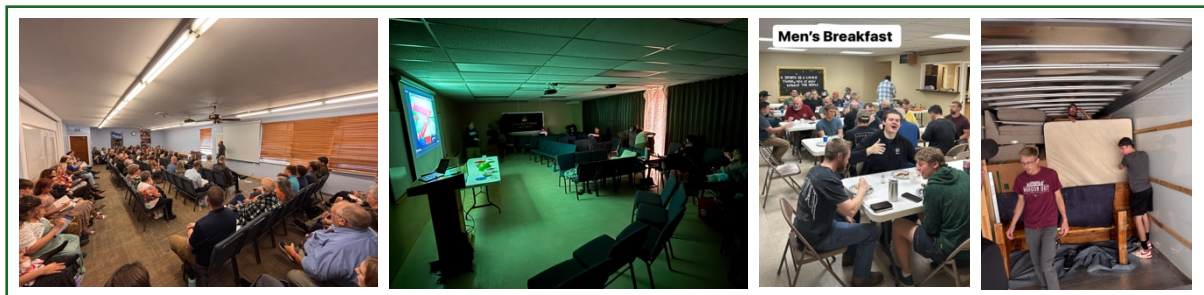
food, then we decided to invite all the students to grab their own food and meet in the fellowship hall and eat together. Then we were like, “Hey, there’s a projector in there, why not make it a movie night?” It was a super fun memory, and we hope to do it again sometime.

Singing night – Apart from the student-led singing nights, the young adults at the BV congregation invited the whole Church to participate in a singing night. As always, it was well attended and a truly incredible and encouraging night.

Men’s prayer breakfast – With the chaos of school and, as you’ve seen, everything else that goes on, it’s hard to find time to attend every event. This was my exact thought when a men’s prayer and breakfast meeting was announced. However, I decided to make time, and I did not regret it. It proved to be yet another spiritually uplifting event, and I plan to make more time in the future for such events.

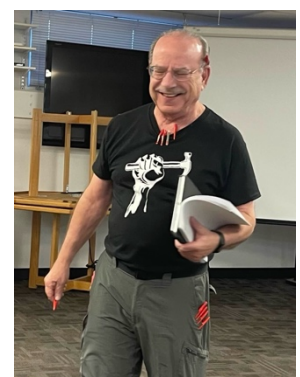
Moving – In my time here at Bear Valley and even before, there have been so many people to help me in so many ways. I’ve found with several members of the Church moving over the past month, helping people move is one of the ways I can help others. Honestly, I don’t see it as a chore as I’ve gotten to meet members of the Church, spend time with friends, and completely goof around the entire time. Also, we got to move a tree, so that’s fun 😊.

Truthfully, there have been numerous other events that I just can’t cram into one letter. But the point is I am happy and well taken care of. My spiritual needs are being met in ways they never have before, and I’m building stronger relationships every day. Bear Valley is so much more than just a school, it’s a family.



End of First Quarter

As odd as it is to type this, somehow, I’m at the end of my first quarter. Last week I was talking with a sister at Church, and she asked how it felt to be an eighth of the way through school, and I couldn’t believe it was true. These past months have flown by at lightning speed. I’m almost sad to finish the courses but am looking forward to the next batch of classes. Tomorrow, I will finish the last of my finals, then we’ll have a campaign followed by a week-and-a-half long break.



Support Request

As far as monthly support, I've raised enough to cover the basics (i.e. food, rent, bills, etc.). With that said, I mentioned in the previous letter that I'm currently seeking to raise enough to buy car. I've enjoyed riding along with friends and classmates as it gives me an opportunity to spend one-on-one time with them, however, I've unfortunately missed out on events, service opportunities, and others due to lack of transportation. My current goal is \$5,000 - \$8,000 in one-time support. If you, a member of the Church, or someone else you know might be interested in supporting me with a one-time donation, please let me know. This would be a tremendous help!

With that said, I am well taken care of, and no matter what, God is in control. Thank you so much for supporting me on this journey!

Closing

We at Bear Valley love and appreciate our supporters. The school could not function, nor would it have any students if not for the generosity of the saints. Thank you so much for your sacrifice and dedication to seeing the kingdom grow.

As always, I would love to talk with any of you one-on-one, so feel free to reach out if so. God bless!

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