



GARDENA VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

HELPING PEOPLE DISCOVER JESUS AND BECOME HIS FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS

Dear GVBC Family,

Last year, around this time, you and I gave backpacks filled with school supplies to a local school just 5 minutes away from church—Chapman Elementary School. This local outreach was done in lieu of Operation Christmas Child, which gave Christmas shoeboxes to children globally. This year, we'd like to continue our local school outreach to Chapman and bless 400 families living right in our community.

After distributing the backpacks, we went back onto the school grounds for Keep Gardena Beautiful in order to renew their Children's Reading Garden where 3 GVBC volunteer teams, the Chapman staff, and even 1 Chapman family worked alongside each other. Last Harvest Festival, 5 Chapman families attended for the first time. Last Nihongo Easter Outreach, 3 Chapman families attended for their first time. All of these families have never been introduced to the gospel or exposed to church. Praise God!

This coming school year, we would like to continue to grow this relationship between local church and local school. Because most kids can still use their backpacks another year, we will be doing something a little different: an Art Pack! Many of you know that the one area always first cut from the general school curriculum budget is the arts. Especially coming out of COVID lockdowns, we believe arts can be a great channel not only to open up student expression, but also as a bridge for ministry.

Starting on Sunday, July 3, we will be distributing custom GVBC bags available for pickup after worship service and anytime during normal office hours all through July. Please stuff your bag with the following items:

Sketchpad

Watercolor (*8 or 16-Color Set, Recommended Brand: Prang or Crayola*)

Brushes (*NO stiff plastic bristles. Recommend: Synthetic Taklon, Nylon, or Natural Hair Bristles.*

Also, for size, we recommend a medium brush size 6)

Crayons (*Recommended Brand: Crayola*)

Markers (*Recommended Brand: Crayola*)

Colored Pencils (*Recommended Brand: Crayola*)

Pencil, Eraser, & Sharpener

Please fill your bag with the art items recommended and return to GVBC anytime before Sunday, August 7. If you'd like, we can also pack an Art Pack for you for \$25/Art Pack. You can write a check to GVBC with "School Outreach" in the Memo or give online at gvbc.net/donate and select "School Outreach" in the drop down menu. We will be distributing these directly to Chapman Elementary students at their Welcome Back Assembly on Wednesday, August 10.

Please join with me in praying for these Art Packs and our local school outreach.

Pastor James