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LVM Ladies' Mountaintop Experience

We were supposed to go to Glacier View Ranch the last weekend of September for the Women's Retreat but providentially had our plans changed and we ended up at the Mountaintop Retreat Center for the Western Slope's Women's Ministries Retreat. This was equally a blessing to all of our La Vida ladies, especially to our newly baptized staff and students. The drive through Red Mountain Pass to Montrose, CO, was gorgeous but a little scary for us who are used to living on the high desert but we thank God for His protection and the companionship of His holy angels. We arrived at the venue safely. Below are some excerpts of what the ladies said about their mountaintop experience with Jesus during this Retreat.



"Going to the woman's retreat was an exciting experience for me. It was uplifting and renewed my faith and love for Jesus. It was a blessing to be around so many caring, loving and encouraging women who made me feel God's love and introduced me to beautiful strong women of the Bible, that were courageous and faithful to our almighty God. That women can make a difference and take a stand for God. To see how much of an impact a woman can be on others and one woman in particular who has stood faithful to God no matter what she has been through, she still smiling and spreading God's word and love to others. I'm happy to have met her and she will also be in my prayers. God works miracles every day. I pray that I will be a woman of God and spread His word and love to others as she did and to have unconditional love for others." – Renita, newly baptized adult 2023

"The trip to the retreat was very impactful on my life. The trip there to Montrose, Colorado was delightful. When we arrived in Montrose, we were graciously provided with dinner and the company of all the other attendees. We had worship and had the pleasure of listening to the presenter Jo Ann Davidson... I enjoyed all the activities and the people- I've never known of such kind people. The event made my relationship with Christ deepen and made me more grateful for the things that God has done for me..." – Damiana, newly baptized teen 2023



Above: LVM attendees with retreat speaker and presenter, Dr. Jo Ann Davidson from Andrews University
Below: Our group with Mrs. Jana Thurber, Women's Ministries Director of the Rocky Mountain Conference

"The Woman of Strength and Beauty Retreat – who made it all possible were strong, amazing, kind women. I was newly baptized and I am still learning but when I meet others who are kind and encourage me, that it's okay not to know everything, is a relief... Jo Ann Davidson just was kind and funny. I like how she mentioned all the values and characteristics of a woman's duty and everyday life... What stood out was every speaker that talked mentioned about the strength, beauty and courage they all have because of Jesus and for Jesus... Katie Jo is an inspiration also doing all this work and not showing weakness. This past week was hard on me because of the loss of my mother and just every verse, quote and just in their own words were comforting. This helped me with what I'm going through right now. Truly a spiritual and special experience." – Reva, newly baptized 2023



"Blessed by the Mountaintop Retreat - The trip to Western Slope Women's Retreat was amazing... The welcoming of the people there was so nice. They made us feel like we belong there... The blessings kept coming overflowing and strong. Every corner I turned, there was someone willing to talk or just a simple hello... The connection with our Lord grows within us as we kept all meetings and worships. The messages of the women in the Bible were very energizing and uplifting. The retreat has showed me our beauty... we all felt like princesses as they said we are daughters of our Heavenly Father and makes us princesses. Thank you to all that made this beautiful blessing a lifetime experience." – Danita

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The Story of Jesus in Revelation Revival Series

A special study on the book of Revelation with a different approach and focusing on "The Story of Jesus in Revelation" was started in Crownpoint Church on September 19 by Pastor Tobin Savage, district pastor of the Gallup Church and four other area Churches. It will continue every Tuesday evening at six for the next several months until the whole book is covered.

This Revival series helps us to know more about Jesus. A lot of times, when we talk about Revelation, we think of prophecy and deep prophetic terms right away that are hard to understand, especially by lay people. But in this meeting, we focus more on knowing Jesus, Who reveals to us His infinite love towards us. We are truly grateful to God for leading and guiding us with this program. During our first night of revival, the Lord showed us that with Him, nothing is impossible and God's work can only be done in God's strength, by God Himself working in us. We praise God that during the 1st night, we had 41 attendees, several of whom are not yet members of our church. We are hoping and praying that as we go on with this program, everyone who comes will have a closer and deeper relationship with God, apply it to their daily lives and become a blessing and instrument in leading others to follow our Lord and Savior. Please join us in continually praying for this weekly prayer and revival meeting, for Pastor Tobin Savage as he expounds the Word and for all the church members, community folks and students attending.

-- VJ & Beth Panganiban



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Water Project Update

Hello Dear Friends,

We are so blessed by our donors who continue pray and donate funds to La Vida's water project.

Funds received to date are \$155,987, expenses have been \$58,673.85 and there is a balance of \$97,313.15. We are very close to having what we need to complete this massive project.

Since last month, we are still awaiting approval from the NM Environment Department. What was submitted was the Application for Modification of a Public Water System and the attachments which are:

Water System Policies and Procedures, Water Utility Operator Job Description, Water Operator Certification, Operation and Maintenance Plan, Map of Water System Sampling Points, Source Water Protection Plan, Geotechnical Engineering Report, Tank Replacement Plan, Specification for Tank Replacement, Chlorination Plan and the Tank Foundation Plan. As you can see there has been a lot of work put in to gather the information for submission.

Aside from the Application process, John Husby, Maintenance Director and I have been reviewing plans for the re-design of the Community Water Hydrant. The hydrant is required to have an air gap to prevent contamination between the hydrant and the water hauler. To this end, a tall standpipe has been installed with water lines coming from the existing hydrant over the top of the standpipe to connect to a hose with a "basket" to fill the water hauler's tank. This will prevent any possible cross contamination. John is hoping to complete this task in October.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for all your prayers and donations. This has been a long term major project. We aren't quite done, but I have faith in the light at the end of the tunnel.

God Bless YOU!

Lee McIntosh



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Indeed, we thank God for allowing us to be in this special gathering of women of strength and beauty. We also thank God for people who made our attendance possible. Thank you, Ms. Jana Thurber, WM Director of the Rocky Mountain Conference for sponsoring my registration fees along with many of our newly baptized ladies and thank you Western Slope Women's Retreat organizers for covering the registration fees of the other newly baptized ladies and a couple of our older girls.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our La Vida Mission ladies who will be future leaders of the church.
— Dorie Panganiban, LVMC Women's Ministries Leader



Dr. Jo Ann Davidson and one of our students.

Praise God!

As you read on page 2, we have had a major donation to our water fund and are very close to our estimated goal. Of course, until the tank is installed and all the work is done, we won't know exactly how much the final total will be and we continue to pray for God's blessing on the project.

In the meantime, our treasurer has once again reminded me that donations for our daily expenses has not equaled our costs. We are grateful to have a small reserve fund, but we are concerned as we see it shrinking every month. Winter will soon be upon us and propane bills will add to our monthly expenses. We believe that we are doing God's will and are trusting that He will provide for our needs. Would you please join us in prayer, that He will show us if there are changes we need to make, that we will continue to be conscientious with His provisions, that He will strengthen us to meet the challenges that face us and that He will give us the wisdom to make choices that will benefit our students, our community and our staff who are diligently seeking Him.

Your prayers make a difference! God will act in response to our fervent prayers! And if you are able, please give to this urgent need.

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George & Margaret Armstrong
Arloe Goley
Marge Gotshall
Wayne Hyatt
Robert & Mary Lee
Albert & Margaret Lind
Art & Barry Lizer
Larry McCoy
Brenda McDonald
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Nobert Sammer
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by Oradelle Lizer
by Nancy McCoy-Wearner
by Pat & Rhonda McDonald
by Clare Putnam
by David & Maxine Smith
by Jackie Small
by Lola Smith
by Mildred Woods

In Honor of

Sage Ann Baga
Irene Kalina

by Shelly Benedict
Eph. 6:13; Luke 10:27; Isaiah 49:25
by Andrew Kalina

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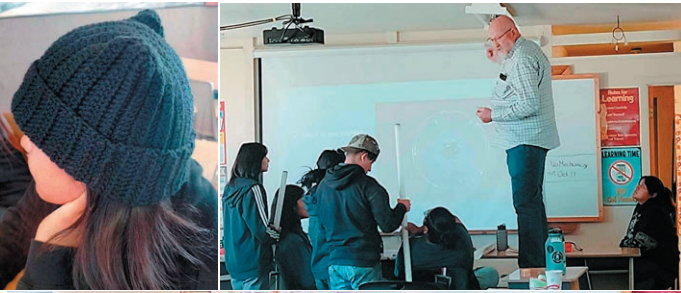
- **Our Heavenly Father** for providing our needs.
- **Faithful donors** who support LVM with prayers, financial and other donations (including Box Tops for Education).
- **Student sponsors** for their many contributions, prayers, letters and Christmas gifts.
- **Echo Food bank, Farmington, NM** for produce and other food items.
- **Neal Kelley & Sharing Ministry** for donations of food and vegetables.
- **Partnership with Native Americans** for food for the community food pantry.
- **Anonymous** for clothing and slippers.
- **Dr. Robert and Kimone Gardner** for clothing, shoes, bag & kitchen items.
- **Ron & Linda Johnson** for back packs and towels.
- **Western Slope Women's Ministries** for assorted cleaning supplies, clothes and winter boots.
- **La Quinta hotel in Farmington** for 10 large boxes of bedding.
- **Ron and Linda Johnson** for boxes of peaches and pears.
- **Aspen Wall Wood through Norman Butler** for firewood.

School Update

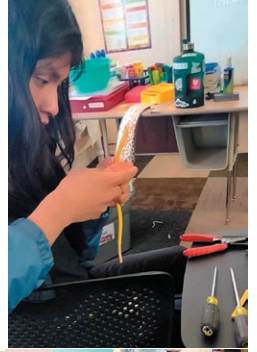
We are happy to have five students that are new to LVM and three that returned after attending other schools. Praise God for these children and for the trust that their parents have in us. On October 19 we will have our first Parent Teacher Conferences marking the end of Quarter 1.

CORE CLASSES are taught in all grades through high school. Students are enrolled in Kindergarten to twelve grade. High School students are completing the core with online pacing and assessments in the GED. Now you may be wondering what that means.

CORE classes include the basics: Reading (includes writing, speaking and listening); Math (includes number systems, algebra, geometry, measurements, fractions, decimals and data and probability); Science (includes key ideas and details, vocabulary, research and writing and scientific methods and experimentation); Bible (includes exploring the Bible vision, the gospel and the Presence and Lordship of God and His oneness); and Social Studies (includes history, geography. Reading level builds in complexity).



They have hands on, practical skills classes in the afternoon as well as helping in the cafeteria. They learn how to cook, how to change fluorescent light bulbs, how to strip and splice wire, basic mechanics and how to crochet. If you have a talent or skill you would like to share with our students, please contact us.



Ms. Claire's Class

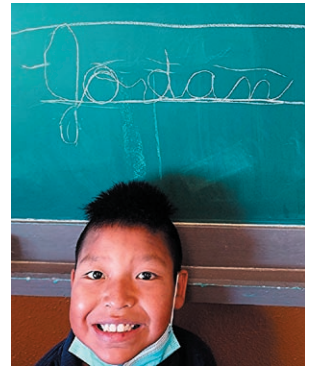
Do you remember this picture from last month? We asked how long you thought it would take for decomposition. I forgot to add that what they were checking was spoiled mashed peaches.

The students predicted respectively one day, 45 days, 60 days, 90 days and 30 days. We found out it only took one week.

We were so surprised it turned quickly into beautiful rich black dirt.



I have heard that in many schools, the students are no longer being taught to write cursive. There are arguments on both sides of the issue but one thing I have read repeatedly is that cursive writing aids in brain development and memory as well as a number of other long term benefits. If this is a subject of interest and concern to you, you will be glad to know that Ms. Claire is making sure her students are learning cursive writing along with all the other subjects she teaches.



One of the amazing things is to watch how children that come to La Vida widen their diet. Many will not eat vegetables at first. With my students, I do insist that they try some of everything and give them one pass on a food that they consistently don't like. However, it's really not my intervention that makes the big difference. It's seeing other kids eat and enjoy food. This child's parents can hardly believe that he's eating almost everything now. One day when I was preoccupied with another student, he asked if he needed to eat a food that I knew he didn't like and I said it's okay. He replied "but, Grandma, tell me to eat some of this".

- Ms. Claire

