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Dear Big Valley Grace Family,

Over the past year, God has done amazing things in and through Big Valley Grace, and I'm so grateful for your generosity. *Together we shared the gospel on our campuses, in our community, and around the world.*

In our community we invested in children, youth, families, individuals and couples, those in recovery, those experiencing hardship, and those who don't yet know Christ. Globally, we invested in missions by sending teams to do the Lord's work in India, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Southeast Asia. We also committed to giving more than \$3 million toward the *Built to Last* building campaign over the next two years, which will allow us to invest in children, youth, and the next generation. *Wow!*

I want you to know that after careful evaluation, prayer, and planning, the leadership at Big Valley Grace has determined that next year's gospel ministry budget is \$5.76 million, which is a reduction of about 5.5%. We came to this decision after experiencing a gap between giving and our budget this year. We are following God as he leads and guides our church and are grateful for the ways that God, through his people, has always provided for BVG.

As we head into the next year of ministry, I invite everyone who calls BVG their church "home" to be faithful in giving to the gospel ministry budget. Like you, my family and I filled out a blue and white card in March, which helped us determine the increased amount we want to give to the BVG gospel ministry budget in the year ahead. We were not asked to turn those cards in, but for our family it has been both an exciting challenge to sacrifice and a good reminder about our commitment.

The enclosed brochure is a summary of our gospel ministry budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year. This plan was approved by the Elder Board, and we will ask our members to approve it during our June 24/25 gatherings. If you have questions about this budget, please contact our Pastor of Financial Ministries John Fraioli at bug.org or (209) 577-1604.

Thank you for your ongoing support for BVG. I am grateful for your ministry partnership and excited to see what God will do in and through BVG in the year ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Joel Boone Senior Pastor