

Dear Friends and Family

Thank you for your prayers, support, and concern.
Below is a short update from us.



Lunch Talk

In the 11th grade class there are **two students who have never opened a Bible before coming to GDQ school**. These two young men have been in my Bible classes for a few years now so they have heard and read quite a bit about God and the Christian faith. Over lunch one day one of these students came over to me and asked **if the whole idea of God was just invented by people over the years so they could have something to believe in**. I love questions like this because it shows me that he is thinking not just about God but if there are any good reasons to believe in God. It was a great unplanned teaching moment.

The discussion went something like this. “Mr. Van, what if God is just an idea that people simply made up over the years so they can have something to believe in?” “Well,” I said, “I have no doubt that people have invented ideas about God or gods over the years, but that doesn’t mean that God doesn’t exist.” “Yes,” he said, “but if people are just making things up then it’s really not true.” I responded, “the question really isn’t, have people invented things about God, but if God’s existence is probable or likely?” “For example, everyone inherently knows the humans have worth and value, but with God out of the picture, how can humans have value? We would then just be animals with a mind. Also, we all know that murder is wrong but without a moral standard how can we say it’s actually wrong? We can say we don’t like it or it’s not nice, but without God we can’t say it’s truly wrong. **Only God can give a true north for ethics and only God can give objective value to humanity.**” We then briefly talked about subjective verses objective moral standards but the conversation was cut short by the next bell. I don’t know if anything shifted in his thinking but I’m sure our conversation gave him something to think about. **I think God is working in his heart to bring him to Christ.** Maybe I’ll be lucky enough to see that happen before he graduates.

GDQ School

A few updates and prayer requests from school.

- **We are actively looking for a new location and beginning to fundraise for it. We have a narrowed down our search to a few places. Updates coming soon!**
- **Pray for my 9th grade class as we are currently doing the Alpha Course together. It is designed to get the students thinking and talking about big questions in life and what really matters.**



Officially an Educator

After 2.5 years Andy has finally finished his Master of Science degree in Education from Cairn University. He has spent countless hours working on classes and his thesis over the past years. He has learned a lot which has directly impacted his ministry at GDQ school.

With no more classes to work on, Andy is a bit confused with what he should be doing with his time in the evening after the kids are in bed.

