

Belvedere Family Community: Garden Expansion Update

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Dear Belvedere Family,

Thank you for all those that came to support the garden today! As you can see everyone was full of smiles as we work together to bring God's dream to life!

As mentioned during last Sunday's celebration service, I'd like to share an update on the garden project that's been underway here at Belvedere - and the exciting next chapter we're moving into together.

Over the past several months, we've been working on what began as a chicken coop project, with the intention of creating a space where our community could reconnect with nature and with God's original design. The vision was always more than just chickens - it was about hands-on learning, nurturing life, and building a culture of care, stewardship, and spiritual growth.

Along the way, we've encountered some important developments. After consulting with our property manager and looking into local zoning laws, we discovered that keeping chickens isn't permitted in our area. As a result, we've decided to pivot - and in doing so, we've uncovered an even more inclusive and sustainable opportunity.

Rather than starting something new, we are expanding our existing greenhouse vision and bringing it to a new level. Using the foundation already laid, we will be building a fully functional greenhouse that can grow food, support learning, and serve as a sacred space for reflection, work, and community bonding - for people of all ages.

Nothing that's been done was wasted. The energy, funds, and labor already invested will serve as the foundation - literally and spiritually - for what's to come. And this direction aligns beautifully with True Mother's emphasis on environmental stewardship and sustainable living.

This will be a long-term project, and it will need the support of our whole community. We'll be looking for volunteers as well as financial support, and we'll be sharing more soon about how you can get involved and help bring this vision to life.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and belief - not just in the project, but in what we are building here at Belvedere: a home for God, for each other, and for the dreams of Heaven.

With gratitude and unity,
The Belvedere Pastoral Team