

November 8, 2018

Dear New Life Academy Community,

I have news to share with you and I pray that you hear my heart. Through much prayer, soul-searching, and discussion, I have informed the Governing Council that I am resigning as Head of School at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, June 30, 2019, to pursue other opportunities that will allow me to be close to my family in California. Although this was an extremely difficult decision-making process, it is the right one for our family as my wife's job situation now requires her to be indefinitely located in California. I want you to know that it is and it has been a great honor to serve as your Head of School.

New Life Academy is one of the most special school communities that one could experience. I will miss the NLA community greatly as I have experienced a tremendous amount of joy and fulfillment being a part of such a wonderful school. The variety of program offerings and opportunities at NLA is widespread and fulfilling. More importantly, the Lord has been faithful in providing excellent teachers who are godly role models, whose dedication is worthy of respect and admiration. Clearly, NLA's forty year history is a solid foundation upon which to build a rich future.

Great days are ahead for New Life Academy. The recent notice of earning a 5-year accreditation through ACSI and AdvanceED signifies that NLA is a school evidencing spiritual and academic excellence. In addition, the growing emphasis on STEAM initiatives and the 15% IP program continues to evolve and will serve to distinguish NLA as a school that equips students with college readiness skills and prepares them for future career opportunities.

As the school moves forward, the joint pursuit of a campus master plan between the New Life Church and Academy will catapult NLA's vision in developing Christ-centered leaders to impact our world for Jesus Christ in exciting ways. With Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, and the leadership of the NLA Governing Council and the NLC Elder Board working together, the school's future is extremely bright.

There is much to accomplish this 2018-2019 school year as we continue to elevate the New Life Academy experience for each and every student, which is at the core of my heart (Colossians 3:17), and will be until the end of the school year!

In His Service,

Clark Gilbert