

# SPACE (MANAGEMENT): THE FINAL FRONTIER

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## I. What I did

### A. Space Management

Enrollment's up and classes are full! For several years we've been serving our lowest number of students in a long, long time. The economic downturn of 2008-2009 had a major impact in our largely construction-based town. All classes were a combination of two grades, with the exception of Kindergarten. However, these past four years of recovery have been good and in the coming year we'll have single-grade classrooms through sixth grade. This means: we need more space. Also, we'll be starting a high school with grades nine through twelve in the Fall. This means: we need more space.

Throughout the year, we've considered several options: building a gym with attached classrooms, adding on to one of our existing buildings, and bringing in a factory built building to use as our new high school space. The factory built building option rose to the top, and after recently obtaining the necessary approvals and permits, our building will arrive on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll have the summer months to set up furnishings and technologies. We're banking on the great philosophical truism: *If you build it, they will come.*

## II. What I learned

- A. About God: He's able. He's faithful. He's in control. He goes before.
- B. About construction processes: It takes more time and money than planned.
- C. About dreaming: Don't limit God. Dream big and let Him provide.

## III. Benefits to my school

- A. Completed space: Our new building will arrive soon and be ready for high schoolers this Fall.
- B. Improved leadership: Our board has been strengthened through my participation in the VLF.