

THE JIMMIE HALE MISSION



HISTORY OF DISCOVERY CLUBS

In 1994, Mr. John Glasser founded Better Basics, an in-school, literacy tutoring program that is now available in 20 Alabama counties. As the reading program expanded to more public school children, Mr. Glasser came to realize that a large percentage of these children had never been in a church nor heard the Gospel. Mr. Glasser's personal burden for these children began to grow.

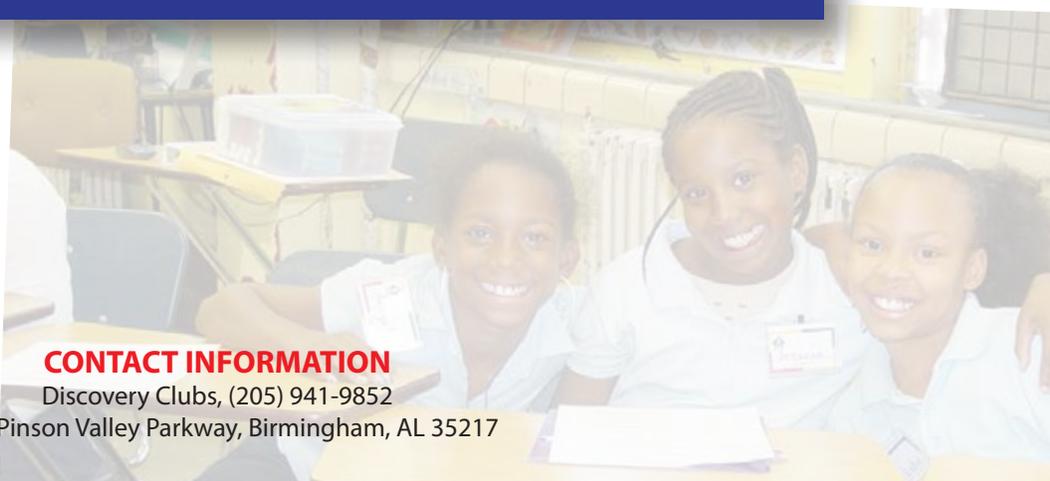
From a 2001 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing public school principals to invite organizations into their school building before and after regular school hours, Discovery Clubs of Alabama was born. In 2003, Mr. Glasser expanded his vision and founded Discovery Clubs of Alabama, Inc., with a pilot program at Gate City Elementary ministering to 40 children with 14 volunteer mentors from Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Today, Discovery Clubs has more than 400 trained volunteer mentors reaching over 1,000 children with the Gospel and life values in many public schools. Discovery Clubs is now a part of the Jimmie Hale Mission ministries and has many partnering churches of numerous denominations throughout the metropolitan Jefferson and Shelby Counties.

"We are extremely excited about the merger with Discovery Clubs. What an awesome ministry to be able to take the Gospel message to the children at our local schools. I'm convinced that our partnership will strengthen both ministries and prove to be a preventative measure that will hopefully help keep these children from darkening the doors of the Jimmie Hale Mission later in life."

- Tony Cooper, Executive Director, Jimmie Hale Mission

The mission of Discovery Clubs is to teach Biblical truth to children in public schools and to present the Gospel message to as many elementary age children as possible, giving them the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.



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