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"THANK YOUs"

By Tara Kelley, Director of Disability Ministries and Training & Equipping

We give thanks to YOU, LORD, for the many blessings YOU gave us in our 50 years of ministry.

- 1. That You let us hear Ashton using his voice (usually silent) to sing Your praises at Bible club.
2. For the simple yet profound words we teach: "Jesus loves me!"
3. For the dreams You place in our hearts that seem impossible...yet in Your time You bring them to fruition.
4. That You experienced first-hand pain, loss and "take this away" thoughts; and because You have, You are the only true Comforter to those in our support groups.
5. For the bereaved mom who reminded us that our loved ones are Home...we're actually the ones who are away.
6. That David likes being with his friends so much that he doesn't want to leave Bible club.



- 16. For all the times You honor Your promise that Your Word will not return void, even after Bible clubs that felt like nobody was understanding...and we find out later they were!
17. For the privilege of experiencing uninhibited worship in all its varying forms in a room full of children, teens and adults with disabilities.
18. For churches that seek out help in serving children and youth in their congregations who have learning challenges such as Autism or ADHD.
19. For the reminders that loss, for those who belong to You, is only a temporary state—and not Your original plan.
20. For precious new life given to moms this year who had previously lost little ones to miscarriage or stillbirth.
21. For personal care aides who brought clients to Handi*Camp and who heard the Gospel themselves, possibly for the first time.
22. For friends who blessed those we served by purchasing items from our camp and 50th Birthday Wish Lists.
23. For those who housed and fed summer staff who came to serve at Handi*Camp.



- 38. For paved pathways that mean the end of pushing wheelchairs through sand and gravel!
39. That the hope and promises of Your Word are more than enough for any situation we face in life—disability, grief, disappointment...and we can share Your Word with others.
40. For the small group Bible clubs that are able to hear Your Word as they meet in our new training room.
41. For godly men and women who love You and bring wisdom from their own life experiences as they serve on our Board of Directors.
42. For being able to sort through thousands of pictures from early H*V days in preparation for our move...each one a visual reminder of Your great faithfulness and the countless lives that have been touched.
43. For opportunities to connect with others who are like-minded in ministry.
44. For safety for the many excavators and builders who have been working tirelessly on the new ministry center.
45. For providing parents a brief time of respite as they entrust their campers or Bible clubbers to us.
46. For what seemed like 1000s of boxes we packed, safely moved and unpacked...the long-awaited answer to prayer to be in our own office.
47. The wonderful smell of "new"—new paint, new desks, new carpet...
48. For the friends of the ministry who attended H*VMI's 50th Birthday Events and the encouragement it was to us.
49. For the supporters who came alongside us to pray and to give to keep the ministry going strong.

- 7. For the idea of creating a Podcast that can be used to reach bereaved parents in locations far beyond the reach of our local support groups.
8. For healing that can come through a simple hug shared by those who have experienced a similar loss or life challenge.
9. The gift of creativity, allowing us to create Bible curriculum for adults and children with intellectual disabilities; and that those resources are being requested from other states and from countries around the world.
10. For free dirt—yes dirt—when we needed it in order to begin excavating the Property.
11. Your special gift of love to us, allowing construction to finally begin on Valentine's Day.
12. For opportunities to connect with students on many college campuses, challenging them in areas of disability and grief ministry.
13. For the faithful giving of our supporters, enabling us to pay the bills that keep the ministry going.
14. For the warmer-than-usual-no-snow-winter that sped construction along faster than anticipated.
15. For you staying near, even when we express anger or upsetment over life's difficult circumstances.



- 24. For churches and individuals who open their doors to host area Bible clubs while we wait for our own buildings to be completed.
25. For the day the trusses on our office building finally went up.
26. That while Canadian wildfire smoke challenged our plans, You still had a way for us to serve our campers.
27. Being able to watch the sheer delight on a camper's face who is learning archery, catching a fish or playing baseball for the first time.
28. For "little victories" when someone with a severe/profound disability shows evidence of understanding Truth from Your Word.
29. For Riley being brave enough to go up front for the closing program to share with friends and family what he learned at Handi*Camp.
30. For safety in travel over thousands of miles for ministry events, recruiting trips and training seminars.
31. For hearing from camps we trained long ago that they are continuing their programs to serve people with disabilities.
32. For little Maddie running with a huge smile into our arms for a hug at camp.
33. For the open doors in group homes and residential facilities where our staff can shine Your Light in the midst of darkness.
34. For the many volunteers who come alongside to be Your hands and feet to those we serve in all aspects of our ministry.
35. For the brand new basketball court completed in time for us to hold summer Lessons on the Lawn.
36. For continuing to add staff and volunteers to the H*VMI ministry family.
37. For being able to look out our office windows and watch leaves turn the beautiful colors of Fall.



50. For the blessing of allowing us to reach our 50th Anniversary Year. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

I/We would like to help toward completing funding of the first step of the Ministry Center Project so that you are able to continue moving on to the next step.

- I/We will PRAY weekly until the total property project goal is met.
I/We would like someone to CONTACT ME/US about this project.
I/We believe in H*VMI's mission and want to bless you and those you serve by investing in this project. Here is my/our gift of: \$_____.

Method of Giving

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50 Years!

By Kyle Robinson, Executive Director

As I write these words, it's the very month H*VMI began—50 years ago! H*VMI has had the privilege over these years, to help individuals and families around us who have experienced disability or grief; and to help others to understand and serve people facing these and other life challenges. We've spent five amazing decades learning to rely on God's wisdom and grace to creatively communicate the Truth with HIS Word, especially in situations where peace and comfort are needed the most.

As we've served people affected by disability and grief, we've learned much about their unique needs. Our new H*VMI Ministry Center is designed to meet those needs. From something as simple as an easy-to-find location and ease of access for bereaved parents who are nervous about coming to their first support group meeting, to having our own space for Bible club that is laid out to be accessible and without distractions or interferences.



Our first Bible club at the new facility took place on October 2nd, 2023. It was our Explorer Ladies' club. Eight young ladies attended. Due to their disabilities, specifically, communication or processing delays, these ladies easily feel overshadowed in a larger group. On that first club night, each of these young ladies was able to answer questions, sing, dance and be joyful unto the Lord. They heard the Gospel presented to them in a way they could relate; and they had supportive staff to guide and help them throughout the evening.

We will continue to hold some smaller clubs, studies, groups and events at the Ministry Center Office until we are able to build our next building. We are praising God for His guidance and blessing along the way. We are already enjoying ways He will use this place to honor His name and build into the lives of families affected by disability and grief.



FINANCES:

By Kyle Robinson, Executive Director

You might think of this move as... H*VMI going public. Of course, this instance is not in the traditional financial sense. Instead of selling stocks, we offer the Compassion of Jesus Christ, free and clear, through outreaches focused on people affected by disability and grief. Instead of the typical IPO (Initial Public Offering), H*VMI's IPO is: In-Person Outreaches.

Also unlike a typical company going public, we're all about helping our fellow organizations succeed, even those in exactly the same "business" as H*VMI! We're not competitors. The ministry continues to extend our borders by training and equipping churches and fellow organizations to reach out to those they serve who are facing life's challenges. In a typical company's IPO, they would sell shares that would indicate the desirability or market value of the company. As we evaluate H*VMI's desirability or output, it is hard to imagine quantifying it in dollars and cents. What is the worth of a smile from a child with a disability feeling accepted for the first time by his or her teachers and peers? We've recently heard testimony about a person with a disability whom we serve: "[H*VMI's programs] are the only place where my daughter has been presented the Gospel in a way she can understand." What is the value of a bereaved parent, angry, depressed and withdrawing, now able to find support and hope in H*VMI's BASIS support group? Who can put a price on any of that?

As much as H*VMI isn't selling stocks or shares, we do need investment from people who recognize the value in a ministry like H*VMI. We have been blessed through the years to always have what we need as a ministry financially. Right now is no different. God has and is providing in amazing ways. We had the capital to begin the building project because of the generosity of people like

you and others. However, in order to get over the HUGE first step, which includes not just the cost of the office, but the expense of excavating, installing utilities and storm water management for the entire site, H*VMI needed to borrow funds. In order to move on to the rest of the construction project which includes the Multi-Purpose, Cabin & Retreat Buildings as well as outdoor recreation facilities, we need further investment of dollars in this project. We must repay the borrowed monies before it is wise to move on to the next buildings. Moving on will allow us to serve those affected by disability and grief in even more meaningful ways. Will you help? God bless you for considering it.



Thank you so much for your participation in and prayers for the Faithful Give Event. H*VMI was one of 54 organizations which participated in the very first year of the Faithful Give. When we add the total donations, prize money and predicted stretch pool funds, H*VMI stands to receive approximately \$45,600 which came from 130 donors! We are so blessed to have your support and are excited for the Faithful Give as they grow to include more and more like-minded Christian organizations in the coming years.



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Mission Statement: H*VMI exists to share the compassion of Christ by walking alongside individuals facing life's challenges and equipping others to do the same.

Vision Statement: H*VMI provides support, programs, resources and training so the people we serve may be included as growing and serving members of the Body of Christ.

Program Areas: Disability • Grief • Training & Equipping



Prayer

- For effective ministry through support groups and Bible clubs that have already begun.
- For God to supply the funding needed to pay for the current office building so we can move on to the next step: the Multi-Purpose, Cabin & Retreat Buildings, as well as outdoor recreation facilities.

H*VMI Upcoming Events in 2024

Visit hvmi.org/upcoming-events or call our office at 717.859.4777 for details.

April 13 Annual NJ Ministry Luncheon
Easton Bible Church, Hainesport NJ

April 27 Annual BASIS Breakfast
Yoder's Banquet Center, New Holland PA

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