



H*VMI MINISTRY CENTER



- Land Development Plan Submission
- Land Development Plan Approval
Praying for approval in time for a spring/summer ground breaking! (Date TBD.)
 - First round comments processed and returned.
 - Second round comments processed and returned.
- Highway Occupancy and NPDES Permits processed by state and local officials.
- Construction
Beginning with major grading and site work, followed by buildings and other plan features.

As the Land Development Process continues, we are working diligently towards approval. Currently, there are hurdles in the way that include Sewer and Storm Water Management Planning. We are communicating with Borough Officials to find solutions and move ahead. Pray as we keep striving towards the goal of building H*VMI's permanent ministry center!

We continue to seek funds for building, and we would appreciate your prayers for that process. Details about fundraising and the groundbreaking will be coming soon. **Thank you!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- June–August (2nd & 4th Fridays) **Lessons on the Lawn**, H*VMI Property, Akron PA
- July 30–31 **H*VMI Ministry Yard Sale**, H*VMI Property, Akron PA
- August 7 **Handi*Camp, PIP and Bible Club Picnic**, H*VMI Property, Akron PA
- August 21 **BASIS Picnic**, Akron PA
- September 14 **H*VMI Annual Charity Golf Outing**, Tanglewood Manor Golf Club, Quarryville PA
- October 2 **H*VMI Chicken BBQ and Family Fun Event**, H*VMI Property, Akron PA
- October 8–9 **H*VMI Ministry Yard Sale**, Akron PA
- October 29 **Lancaster County Area Ministry Luncheon**, Shady Maple, East Earl PA

PRAYER

- **PRAISE** the Lord for the opportunities for summer ministry through: Handi*Camp Day Camp; Lessons on the Lawn; and BASIS (for bereaved parents) and PIP (for parents of children with a disability) support groups.
- **PRAY** for wisdom in planning the fall ministry schedule as places gradually begin to re-open for in-person groups.
- **PRAY** for God's perfect timing for the start of construction on H*VMI's Ministry Center!

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The POWER of GOD'S WORD

Methodical. Snack-loving. Joy filled. Focused. Nick is one of our new Bible Clubbers at our recently resumed New Jersey Bible Club and Parent Support Group meetings. COVID closed this ministry more than a year ago. When we wanted to resume, we needed to find a new meeting location. God provided. Because of the new location, we were able to welcome several new participants! One of them is Nick.

As soon as Nick comes through the door, he is anxious for snack time. If we are honest with ourselves, wouldn't we all be? At Bible Club though, a lot happens before snack! Nick and his Bible Club buddy look at the picture chart outlining the plan for the evening: Prayer; Worship; a Thought Question to answer; more Worship; Bible Lesson; more Prayer; Small Group Time... then snack! Nick takes his seat in the front row, ready to participate.

We learned early on that Nick enjoys putting picture pages into a three-ring binder and flipping through it. Now, Nick has his own special Bible Club book with pictures pertaining to our Bible lessons. Each month he eagerly adds new pictures. Nick also enjoys worship time. Little by little, we see his mouth moving and repeating the words to the new songs he is learning.

One month, as we shared the Gospel, we had objects the participants could pull out of a bag and hold as we discussed them. We had a stuffed heart to remind us that God loves us so much. We pulled out a stuffed doll dressed like Jesus to remind us that because of God's great love, He sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world. Nick happened to pull out the "Jesus doll!" We continued with the lesson, pulling out a cross to show that Jesus took the punishment for the wrong things we do by dying on the cross. And finally, we pulled out a picture of Jesus showing us that He came alive again! What was Nick doing all this time? He just kept holding tightly on to "Jesus." Nick and Jesus stayed together the rest of the night—all the way to the car!

Nick's mom shared with us: "I can't thank the team of staff and volunteers enough who help make Bible Club so amazing! It really has been a bear to get Nick out of the house in the past nine months; however, when I tell him we're coming to Bible Club, he doesn't argue... just gets up, puts on his shoes, and gets ready to go. This tells me that he loves coming, and it warms my heart. How thoughtful of you to make a binder for him to have when he is there. He loved it. He also loved the Jesus doll that he tried to take home with us this evening. After we got to

the car, I took it from him, explained that it has to stay at church, and he gave it a kiss goodbye. The whole way home, he kept saying, **'I love God! I love Jesus!'** You all are truly a blessing to our family!"



At Bible Club this past month, we continued to gain glimpses of God at work in Nick's tender heart. One of our focus verses was **Psalm 56:3, "When**

I am afraid, I will trust You." One by one we went around the room repeating the verse and doing signs or motions with it. By the time it was Nick's turn, he knew the verse! In the space of a few moments, hearing and repeating it over and over, Nick had hidden a portion of God's Word in his heart. PRAISE THE LORD! God's Word is powerful. We are privileged to teach it. In a day when so much is uncertain, God's promises remain sure: **"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it produce and sprout... so will My Word be which goes out of My mouth. It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it."** **Isaiah 55:10-11 (NASB)**

Your partnership allows us to continue finding creative ways to make God's Word accessible to the "Nicks" of this world. Through parent support programs; the development of resources and targeted teaching materials; as well as in-person programs for children, teens and adults with disabilities, you are helping us spread His Word that has the **POWER** to transform lives! **THANK YOU!**

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