



## Upcoming Events

As God allows, we hope to offer the following:

### July 17

H\*VMI Annual Ministry Yard Sale  
Akron PA

### August 8

BASIS Picnic  
Akron PA

### August 15

Handi\*Camp, PIP and Bible Club Picnic  
Akron PA

### August 16-22

H\*VMI Staff on-site to train/assist Black Rock staff in implementing Special Needs Camp Week

### September 15

Annual Charity Golf Outing  
Quarryville PA

### October 3

Annual Ministry Banquet, Yoder's  
New Holland PA

Visit [hvmi.org/upcoming-events](http://hvmi.org/upcoming-events) or call our office for details or to RSVP.

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Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our campers, many of whom fall into the COVID-19 high risk category, we have cancelled our 2020 Handi\*Camp program. H\*VMI is saddened to need to make this decision, but we are pursuing different ministry options to fill the gap Handi\*Camp leaves behind. Stay tuned!



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## PRAYER

**We praise God for our prayer and financial supporters.** Together, God is using us to have a positive impact in so many lives. We want each of you to know that we are praying for you, too, especially asking God to minister to you in whatever physical, emotional, financial and spiritual challenges you are facing in the midst of the current world situation. We praise Him for His sovereignty, love and care for each of you, for all those to whom we minister, and for H\*VMI. If you are struggling and would like personal prayer support or want to talk to one of us, please feel free to call our office. If no one is in the office at the time of your call, please leave a message with your name and phone number, and we will be in touch with you.



## H\*VMI Ministry Center Property Development ✓ List



- Property Identified
  - Architectural and Engineering Plans Drafted
  - Zoning Change Approval
  - Real Estate Tax Issue Settled
  - All Funds Donated for Purchase
  - Property Purchased Debt Free
  - 1st Conditional Use Hearing Approval
  - Further Engineering and Detail Planning
  - 2nd Conditional Use Hearing Approval
  - Highway Occupancy Permit
  - Land Development Plan Submission/Approval
  - Construction
- Phase 1*
- Dining Hall/Chapel Building
  - Cabin Building
  - Associated Recreational Structures and Features
- Phase 2*
- H\*VMI Office Building
  - Three Single Family Residences for H\*VMI Full Time Staff



## "The HOPE of the GLORY of God"

By Samantha Hall - Handi\*Camp Summer Staff Member

I was 21 years old and 1400 miles from home on a summer adventure to work at Handi\*Camp. Kathy was one of the women I met that summer. She was an avid fan of coffee and cheesecake before her body no longer allowed her the pleasure of eating food by mouth. Kathy was also not able to talk, instead spelling out her thoughts slowly...painstakingly...letter by letter with difficult-to-follow hands on an alphabet board.

I was afraid of Kathy at first; afraid of my ignorance of how to keep her physically comfortable; afraid of maneuvering her wheelchair; afraid of offending her by accident; afraid of revealing the potency of my fear. Every care-giving task was new to me. Every set of her instructions was delivered with uncomfortable slowness. It seemed such a gargantuan effort for her to send urgent messages (i.e. you dropped a bolt from my wheelchair into the trash can), that I could not imagine why she would waste costly communication opportunities on "frivolities" like asking friendly questions about my life or orchestrating practical jokes! During our week, I can count on one hand the specific things I remember Kathy spelling to me not related to the need of the moment. Each one was like a tiny window into a vibrant life I wish I could have known more fully, and I began to realize that communication is not just a sterile exchange of necessary information.

Kathy showed me: Even when communication is costly, it is worth spending to build relationship. Human "wants and needs" include food, water, rest, hygiene—but also shared laughter and shared ideas. Serving the Lord does not require taking action with a fully able body. Asked about employment, Kathy spelled without hesitation: "I serve the Lord." And she did. She served the Lord by praying, by trusting His Word, by acknowledging His Lordship in her life. From my short observation, this was not an entirely peaceful or easy process, but she seemed to be at peace within it. Speech is not necessary to be fully known and fully loved by the God who grants, in His Mercy, that we might know Him in return. Kathy's story doesn't belong to me, but I wanted to share the ways our short interaction had a huge impact on my life. I know that the joys of heaven far surpass cheesecake, coffee, running, and even speech, and I rejoice that Kathy is living them now. "We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." (*Kathy went Home to be with the Lord in January of this year.*)



## The NEED

- More than 50% of special needs parents reported that their child with a disability had been excluded at church.
- Almost 1/3 of special needs families said they had left at least one church because their child was not included or welcomed.
- Nearly 50% of special needs parents said they refrained from participating in a religious activity because their child was not included or welcomed.
- Among church-attending special needs families, 86.5% said that their church needs more education and training about disability.
- People with autism are more likely to be atheists and more likely to reject organized religion. [Source: church4everychild.org]

**YET, 26 out of 35 of Jesus' miracles involved someone with a disability!** Jesus' heart—and that of H\*VMI's—is to minister to individuals and families with unique life challenges, unique needs, or unique hurts. We are here to support, encourage and equip the Church to help meet those needs in their own communities. Would you prayerfully consider joining us in our mission?



## Help us reach the "Kathys" of the world.

Then they, too, will be able to REJOICE IN THE HOPE OF

THE GLORY OF GOD! Any gift, one-time or recurring, will help us continue to provide necessary Christ-centered programs, support and training. *Thank you!*

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