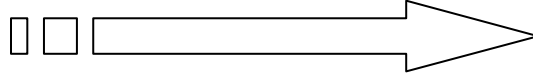


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➡ Summer at BASIS is a quieter time. We cancel some of the groups, taking a “vacation” from the topic of grief. We don’t sponsor any major events. But some of us get together to refresh, to enjoy a picnic together. The Aldan and Williamstown groups met for a picnic at a historical site on the banks of the Delaware River. The Akron group also had a picnic. Both were times to genuinely relax in one another’s company, to refresh our minds and bodies in a shady spot outdoors. For me anyway, water is healing so I really enjoyed our evening on the river banks.

Jesus often met his disciples on or near the water too. He often taught on the banks of the lake while he sat in a boat. I know, you could argue that’s just the way it was in Palestine at that time. There were certainly few alternatives, no Wachovia Centers or Carnegie Halls, for gathering and teaching a large crowd. But I also believe Jesus liked being out there by the shores of the lake, and BASIS folks do to.

Sunset on the banks of the Delaware River



In the fall, we will begin again the groups in Aldan, Williamstown, Akron, Lebanon and Quarryville. Please pray we will be able to get the word out and that bereaved parents will find us. Pray for the leaders of these groups: Bob, Claudette, Joye, Lou, Lu, Bob, Tim, Kathy, Deb, Marilyn, Dee, Jan, Wayne and I, that we’ll be able to be as Christ’s arms and ears to the hurting people who entrust us with their fragile hearts and to be able to turn them to Christ for comfort.

➡ I have been invited to be the speaker at a retreat for bereaved people at a conference center in the Poconos in December. This project is in the beginning stages of development. I’m asking that you pray this comes into being and ministers effectively to both bereaved parents and others grieving other losses in death.

➡ I spent a week at Handi*Camp working as a companion for one of the campers. It’s challenging and rewarding, wonderful and stretching. My camper is a middle-aged woman who had a stroke in her late 20’s, which had affected her body and mind. But her heart for her family and for the Lord made me think I have a lot of growing to do before I could say I’m a “mature” Christian.

Other ways you might support H*VMI and BASIS, in addition to your direct support for me, BASIS or HVMI:

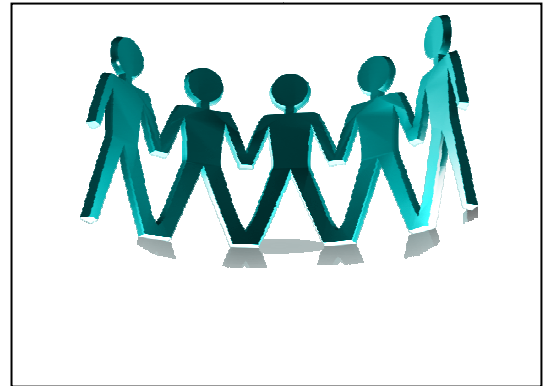
- iGive. Shop over 700 vendors, including many you may be using for online shopping, and portion of your purchase benefits Handi*Vangelism Ministries International. Spend the money you’re already spending, but make it beneficial too.
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YOU ARE INVITED...

Join me at Handi*Vangelism Ministries International
Annual Banquet, October 3, 11 am
at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, PA

Learn more about H*VMI in general and BASIS in particular.

Some of my friends and supporters have wondered what that has to do with you or me. Let me say it had lots to do with me. H*VMI is an interconnected web of a variety of ministries all of which ministry God's truth and comfort to people broken in a variety of ways by the fall of man. I'll try to explain. Thirty-six years ago, God called a couple into a ministry for people with disabilities. Their vision was to encourage and teach churches to open their hearts and doors to such people. This couple worked at a residential facility for people with disabilities and got to know them as people created in the image of God just as we all are. They could also see that these people were often not welcomed into a church or there was nothing designed to meet them where they are. So this couple, Tim and Kathy Sheetz, began a new ministry and called it Handi*Vangelism.



As time went by, other ideas of ministry for people with disabilities and for other hurting people were proposed and many came into being. A Camp was opened, Handi*Camp. Ministries of outreach into residential facilities for children and for adults with various disabilities opened. A Sunday school program developed in a major children's hospital. An opportunity grew directly from that hospital Sunday school program after some of those children died. Some of those parents came back to the teacher saying we need something especially for our grief-pain. All the parents who came with this special request attended churches that were good, Biblical, active churches, yet the grief needs of these parents were not being addressed or met. That was the birth of BASIS. It came into being at the request of the parents who needed it in 1981 and I joined the team in 1990.

BASIS hosts a few large meetings each year for bereaved parents. But we don't hold a banquet for our supporters. H*VMI, our parent ministry, does that. Learning more about BASIS takes place in the context of learning more about H*VMI. I invite you to come join the H*VMI annual Banquet this October 3rd at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, PA, Lancaster County. Detailed Information is in the enclosed invitation. Join me and I can answer any questions you may have about H*VMI or the ministry of BASIS. Come and listen to one of our BASIS couples tell how God met their needs in grief and led them in healing until they are now hosting a group and ministering to other bereaved parents. See how God makes 2 Corinthians 1 work: Comfort others with the comfort you have received.

Information and an official invitation are enclosed.

I value your prayers, your support and your presence in my life. Blessings in His grace, Judy Blore.



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