



New Directions

A Ministry Update from Marlene VandenBos

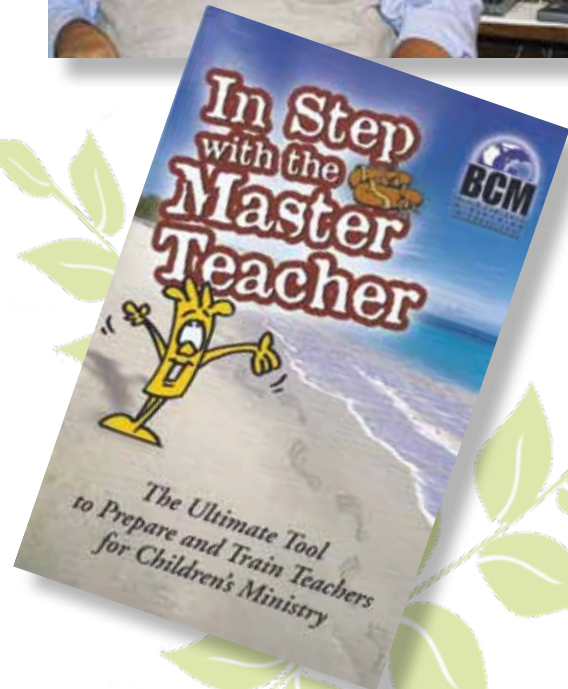
For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end. Psalm 48:14

Leaving a Legacy

Here at H*VMI, we are in our final days of preparing for camp. Orientation starts on May 23rd, when our summer staff will gather from all parts of the USA and even from other countries. The Handi*Camp Schedule is listed on page two for you to follow as we go thru the summer. Two of our weeks are called Bible Conference Week (One and Two) for adults with just physical disabilities and/or some mild intellectual challenges. This year, the theme for these two weeks is remembering God's goodness over the past and asking "how will I be remembered"? Since I will be involved with teaching the Bible classes these two weeks, I have been thinking about "legacy". As I have recently attended funerals of some godly people, the reality of legacy has been impacting me and prompting me to ask some hard questions about my own life. What will I be remembered for? What do I WANT to be remembered for?

May 31st marks the 5-year anniversary of Bert's death. Recently, I received in the mail a newsletter that reminded me of Bert's lasting legacy, one that he would be thrilled about. In 2005, *In Step with the Master Teacher* was published (a training curriculum to prepare and train teachers for children's ministry). Bert was the illustrator and graphic artist on this project. Although he knew it was well-received, he had no idea of how BIG this curriculum would become. The author has personally given me updates from time to time, as it expanded into other languages. In these past 7 years, there are 26 languages in various stages of the translation process, with the expectation of having ISMT completed in 20 languages by the end of 2012.

As Bert knowingly came to the end of his life, he didn't care about what kind of car we drove or how big our house was, his mind was on the "eternal" things of life....



things that would last. I am so thankful that God gave Bert the opportunity to work on several projects that continue to be used to declare the glory of God.

ISMT is published through BCM, Intl. For further information on this curriculum, please go to www.bcmintl.org

Handi*Camp Schedule 2012

Camper Groups

Challengers: Campers with primarily an intellectual disability and possibly a physical disability as well.

Conquerors/Voyagers: Campers (teens/young adults) with physical disabilities.

Bible Conference One and Two: Guests have physical and/or mild intellectual disabilities (1) or those with physical disabilities (2).

Orientation: May 23-27

Weeks One and Two: May 28 – June 8
Challenger Adults

This year our theme is Olympics and learning from the Bible about All-Star Heroes of the Faith. Pray for Patti as she leads chapel these two weeks.

Week Three: June 11-16
Bible Conference One

I'll be co-teaching the Ladies Bible Class with Tammy and Patti. Tim Sheetz will be our chapel speaker. We will be taking a trip to the boardwalk of Ocean City, NY. Always a huge favorite!

Week Four: June 18-22
Challenger Children and Teens

The Bible lessons will be the same as Weeks One and Two just geared for our younger campers. Pray for Tara Kelly as she teaches chapel this week. Also, pray for good weather so this energetic group of campers can enjoy the pool!

Week Five: June 25-29
Conquerors & Voyagers

The title for our lessons this week is "Face to Face with Jesus". Please pray for the teaching team this week as they encourage our campers in their relationship with Christ. Another trip to Ocean City, NJ is planned.

Week Six: July 1-6
Bible Conference Two

This is our last week of camp! Pray that the Lord would use this week to nurture and encourage our guests in their specific life situations and spiritual growth. We will repeat our Bible lessons from Week Three and Tim Sheetz will once again be the chapel speaker. We are hoping to travel to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see Jonah. I have already seen it and it is amazing!!

July 7: Load truck and say our good-byes. Home Sweet Home!!!

THANK YOU so much for your prayers for our camp season. THANKS, too, for your partnership in ministry for me personally through your prayers and gifts. Have a great summer!!

Beyond Camp

Save the date for these ministry events—and join us if you are able! More info on our website: www.hvmi.org

July 21:
Lancaster Barnstormers ballgame/fundraiser

August 18:
Annual all-family picnic for families affected by disability (Akron, PA)

September 24:
H*VMI annual Golf Outing to benefit all the ministries of H*VMI, held in Centerton, NJ

October 13:
Annual ministry banquet at Shady Maple (East Earl, PA)



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