

Robinsons' Road...

...To becoming Full time HVMI missionaries...



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...Hello again everyone! It's springtime and summer is fast approaching. Camping season is upon us. Do you know anyone who is going to camp this summer? Any of those people going to Handi*Camp? We are so excited to begin this exciting part of our ministry at camp again in 2012!

Our Journey down the Road to being full time missionaries has brought us to exciting places. One of which is that my job at Friendship Community is ending in mid May. This is a bitter sweet end. I have so enjoyed my time spent there and I will miss the gentlemen I cared for dearly but I strongly believe that God has called me away from that job on a full time basis, to devote my time serving Him at HVMI. God has confirmed that decision as we have seen our support level grow and grow. As most of you know I made the decision to leave my full time job a few months ago, but even before that Leah and I decided that we needed to be at 50% support for me to be able to go full time with HVMI. I really felt God leading me to quit my job and be finished in time for camp so I put in my resignation when we were around 30% support. This was a counter-logical decision in my very logical brain but Leah and I trusted the Lord as He is in control. As I said in our last prayer letter, we are excited to see what God will do. We have been so blessed to see the support roll in since we made that decision. We are now sitting around 46% which is HUGE! Praise the Lord!

Leah is continuing her job with IU13 and still working with the same young lady in the classroom setting. She is excited to be finishing up the school year right as camp is starting; this is a very important part of this job for her, as it allows her to serve with me at camp.

As you may have seen in our prayer request section in our last letter, I was in a pretty serious accident leaving my car pretty banged up but not a scratch on me, all God's protection and sovereignty. It became quickly apparent that my car needed to be junked and we were very concerned about securing a new vehicle. Not 24 hours later before the prayer letter even hit the post office floor my grandfather gifted me his car that he was unable to use due to medical concerns. This was such a blessing to us and I was able to get up to my grandfather's and spend the day and drive around in my "new to me" Pontiac Bonneville. My grandfather, a week or so after that had some serious medical complications and passed away. This was so difficult for me, and Leah as she supported me through it. I was so grateful that Leah and I had gotten up to visit him and Barb not that long before and I had gotten to get up there to get the car and spend the day fellowshiping with my grandpa and nana as well as my dad and my aunt. At the memorial service we were able to sing hymns that were sung in the hospital with Grandpa and I was able to get up and read I Thessalonians 4:13-18 during the service. Afterwards the people that came all went into the fellowship area to eat and share memories. I heard countless stories about my grandpa but one stood out in my mind. My grandfather was a devoted Christian and church member. A gentleman who attended his church, whose name I regretfully forget, told me that he had needed to have open heart surgery a few years ago. He went on to say that he was under for over twelve hours and Clair (my grandpa) sat in the hospital for the entirety of the procedure with his wife and prayed and supported the both of them. That is the kind of person my grandfather was and I hope that that attitude is genetic. It has been hard but we were able to rejoice that he is with the Lord now and that through his life and his passing, we pray, people were reached for Christ.

As I also mentioned in our previous letter we were going to Bethel Memorial Baptist Church to share our ministry. That went well and we made some good new contacts, one of whom is coming to camp and serving as a nurse for a week. We are excited to make more church contacts and be able to share the ministry more. Please email or write us if you would like information on our ministry or would like us to come and share it with your church. Our contact info is at the bottom of the back page. Thank you.

Handi*Camp

Camp is upon us! As camp quickly approaches we need your prayers as we finish last minute preparations and planning. Also during the camping weeks we need your prayers as campers and their families will be traveling to and from camp. Also for the campers as we minister to their needs that we can all work together to show the love of Christ to each person whether they are a camper, or a family member, or a staff person at the group home where the camper may live. We have seen changes in parents of campers who have accepted Christ as they see their children with the desire to serve the Lord. We have also seen campers minister to other people with disabilities in their group homes or apartment buildings. God can use anyone he chooses to show people his love and draw people closer to Him. We have included in this prayer letter the last issue of "Increase" which is our seasonal news letter from HVMI and it contains a good description of our needs for camp and things you can be praying for.

Pray With Us

As we embark on this journey we will be praying hard for wisdom and guidance for how best to serve God through HVMI. Here are some other requests we are bringing before God at this time in our lives:

- For me as I will be leaving my job as of May 18 of this year, and for all the logistics of that transition.
- For Leah as she finishes up her school year job and has the summer off to serve at camp, that she finishes strong.
- For Leah and me as we work together toward a certificate in Biblical Studies through Moody Bible Institute.
- For camp this summer as I will be the Program Assistant/Waterfront Coordinator and Leah will be one of the assistant nurses.
- Praise God for the provision of a car for me and for providing me safety in my accident.
- Pray that we continue to receive the support that we need to serve the Lord through HVMI

We Need Your Help!!!

As Leah and I work toward being fully supported and being able to devote 100% of our time and energy into serving the Lord with HVMI, we need your prayers. Please join with us and the ministry of HVMI in prayer and support so we can better serve those who have disabilities, medical or mental health challenges or broken hearts. Enclosed is a coupon explaining our support needs and the ways in which you can partner with us in this ministry. Thank you.

We Want to Hear From You

As you join with us in ministry, we want to be a part of your lives as well. Please share with us anything you wish to have prayer about. Also if you have any questions about the ministry of HVMI please be encouraged to contact us and we will be glad to help however we can.

How we are involved:

- Assisting monthly with the Lancaster and Sunny Crest Discipleship Bible clubs
- I am serving on Wednesdays at the HVMI office
- Leah and I are participating in the discipleship team meetings
- Leah and I are working toward our certificate of Biblical Studies through Moody Bible Institute
- Preparing for Camp this summer

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<http://www.hvmi.org/missionaries/robinsons.html>
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