



# The Lehto Letter

1 John 3:22

*"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight"*



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## Prayer Requests

- Pray for God's direction in what is the best way to present the financial needs of our Ministry.
- Pray for an individual who would be interested in joining the development department as a partner in this important part of our ministry.
- Pray that God will give me the strength as He would direct, and encouragement to fulfill my responsibilities at HVMi.
- Pray for God to begin to work in the hearts of new college students to consider coming as counselors for Handi\*Camp as we begin to visit college campuses this winter.

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

We would like to express our very grateful thanks for your prayerful support during this past year. What a blessing each of you have been with your words of encouragement as well as your gifts. We Pray that God will richly bless each of you in 2009 for your faithfulness to our Ministry and the special people we encourage with the love of God. Our God has seen us through a great many challenges as a nation this past year as well as being faithful to HVMi as a ministry and with us in our humble efforts to serve Him. We covet your Prayers and continue to need your prayerful support in 2009. Our New Year's prayer for each of you is a closer walk with our ever faithful God.



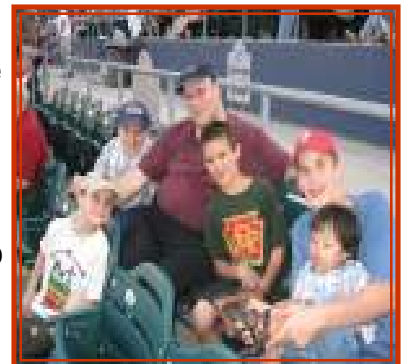
## 2008 Review

As Director of Development for HVMi part of my job consists of applying for grants from foundations and organizations throughout the year. In 2008 we were blessed in many ways as we received grants from foundations such as Sam's Club/WalMart, ShopRite, Staples and others. In addition, this year we sponsored fundraisers through Pizza Hut Restaurants in the Lancaster area, placed coin banks in willing locations to receive funds for Handi\*Camp as well as sponsored a night at the Camden Riversharks Baseball Park. We were pleased to have a group of over 200 people attend and plan to sponsor another Riversharks game, as well as a Lancaster Barnstormers game, in 2009.



Accepting a donation from Sam's Club

In September I was able to organize HVMi's sixth annual golf outing fundraiser which continues to draw people from NJ, Pa. and Delaware. We were blessed with 82 golfers, a beautiful day at Centerton Golf Course and many generous door prize donations. Each year the funds raised help support the financial needs of one of our ministry branches.



A Family enjoying HVMi's Community Night at the Camden Riversharks Baseball game.



Each March I begin to seek support for Handi\*Camp. We have been blessed by donations received from Abroggi Produce, who over the past two years has provided all our produce needs. In addition, Hatfields Meats, Tyson Chicken and Cento Foods have donated much of our meat and Italian food needs. Heritage's Dairy Stores has provided our milk and egg needs for four weeks of camp. Lowe's and Home Depot have both generously donated craft materials for Handi\*Camp. We are grateful for this help to keep our fees low for campers. However, because of the current economic crisis and slow down in business, many companies have indicated a concern whether they will be able to offer support in 2009. PLEASE PRAY that these organizations will have the resources to be faithful providers for this coming year. Please also keep praying for a partner to join me in these efforts. Contacting, picking up supplies and maintaining communications with companies for donations is becoming more than a one person job.

## HVMI's 35th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

We hope you were there in October when HVMI celebrated our 35th Anniversary by hosting a concert and banquet at Shady Maple in Lancaster County, where over 600 supporters and friends joined us for a time of worship and praise for these years of ministry. We also had produced a DVD of the history as well as programs of HVMI. Copies are available, so please contact me if you would like one or would like me to share with your congregation or church group. Hope to see you this October at our Annual Banquet.

## Immediate Needs

Each January and February many HVMI Missionaries, including myself, travel to Christian Colleges to recruit for summer camp counselors for Handi\*Camp as well as to introduce the ministry to prospective fulltime staff. This travel may include travel by air or car as well as meals and lodging. In 2009 the estimated cost for visiting colleges in NJ, NY, Kentucky and Ohio is \$1,500.00. We also have an increased need for funds for our cost of mailing information to participants and donors for our fundraising events. Please consider helping with these needs so these activities are not a drain on the budget of HVMI.

**Why am I Involved with Fundraising?** It is so our programs can continue their outreach. It is because of the people I meet during Bible studies at Inglis House every Tuesday, who need to know that God loves and cares for them no matter their disability or situation. Also the dear ones at MelMark Institution and those who come to Handi\*Camp seeking acceptance, friendship, and to be assured of their worth to their heavenly Father. These are difficult economic times. Gifts to the ministry as well as individual missionaries are down. If you could make a special gift at this time we know you would be blessed for it.

Want to experience our Ministry first hand? Just give me a call and we will be happy to include you in a Bible study, institution visit or even as a helper or counselor at Handi\*Camp.

*In His Service,*

*Paul & Bev*

*I John 15:16 tell us: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."*

## 2009 Dates to Remember:

- **April 28, 2009**, Isaac's Restaurant Fundraiser, Lancaster, Pa.
- **July 25, 2009**, Camden Riversharks Baseball Game, Camden, NJ.
- **August 6, 2009**, Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Game, Lancaster, Pa.
- **September 28, 2009**, 7th Annual HVMI Golf Outing, Centerton Golf Course, Centerton, NJ.
- **October 3, 2009**, HVMI's 36th Annual Banquet, Shady Maple Restaurant.

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