

Robinsons' Road

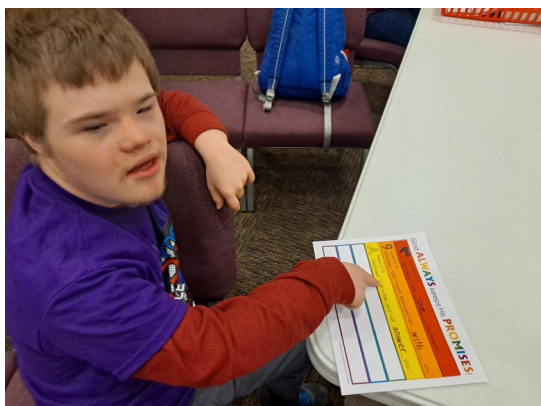


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Front row seating at the H*VMI Office!

Teddy has never been one to sit in the front row at Bible club. He struggles with loud noises, commotion and crowds. He is so kind and gentle and responds well to high fives, smiles and a pat on the back. At the H*VMI Bible clubs for the past three years that he's attended, he has done so from the back row...the far back row. I've tried navigating him to a seat more central or forward a bit by rearranging chairs at the church where Bible club was being held; not much worked. That being said, the Holy Spirit does not require front row seating in order to work in our hearts and minds. We could easily see that in Teddy.



In Teddy's first year of clubs with us, one might think he wasn't catching any of the lessons. He would frequently hold his ears when questions were asked of him and he spent parts of the club laying on his chair rather than sitting in it. It was my privilege on most Bible club nights to sit with him and engage with the lesson components in the moments he would entertain my antics.

On the last night of the Bible club that year, we did an activity that reviewed all the lessons from the previous six clubs. They were represented by strips of colored paper with the lesson phrases and verses printed on them. Teddy repeated each one and glued them to the paper with delight. It was clear to all then that God was working in Teddy's heart.

We kept seeing Teddy and his family. Parents engaged with our PIP support group for parents of children with disabilities. Teddy came to day camp and continued attending Bible clubs. He still found ways to move to the back of the crowd though, often finding a quiet game to play on the sidelines, rather than being in the mix. We are always willing to adapt and help him succeed but we hoped in our hearts that he could participate along with the other clubbers.

As you may know, the first building at the H*VMI Headquarters has been completed! We have our new office and we're all moved in as of the middle of September. We held an open house in October and we're on our second month of holding support groups and Bible clubs at the office location. My goal in addition to paying for the office build, excavation and raising funds for the future buildings, is to seize this moment we have with our own accessible building and maximize the ministry we can offer with it. So Bible clubs are happening at the new office including a Bible club for Teddy's group.



This picture is Teddy and me sitting in the **front row** of the first Explorer guys Bible club at the H*VMI Office. The room was set up with participants like Teddy in mind. Carpet circles were on the floor for those who don't like chairs. Rocking chairs were there for those who needed that movement to be attentive. Teddy came in with his mom to the club, she passed us his bag and asked that we try to have him wear his glasses, which he doesn't prefer to do (neither do I). And this is Teddy and me, halfway through club, smiling and loving the time worshipping Jesus and learning more about Him. Praise the Lord!



H*VMI received just over \$40,000 in donations through the Faithful Give. Additionally, we won \$1,000 in prizes and will likely receive a few thousand more dollars in stretch pool funds. We appreciate the support as we remain faithful to God and He continue to show us

His faithfulness through you!

Robinson Family Update:

The Robinson Family is doing well. Obviously life has been busy. I’ve spent many long hours working on property items, updates and keeping close tabs on construction progress. Leah has been a rock star supporter and super mom as well as an amazing co-worker in ministry. She keeps me motivated and encouraged, while working hard herself, at home, in ministry and now PRN at Retreat Behavioral Health. They reached out to her to ask her to return after she transitioned to a different nursing job during the camping off season. She enjoys keeping her nursing skills and knowledge sharp by being in the field outside of the ministry during the months where the demand for camp nursing duties isn’t high.

The Robinson kids are growing everyday, both physically and in the Lord! We witnessed a wonderful blessing from God this year. One morning before school during Easter week, Hannah and the boys were at the table. She was explaining what Good Friday was and why we celebrate Easter while Leah and I made their lunches and breakfast. God clearly was using her to speak into the boys’ hearts and the Holy Spirit guided that conversation to a point where Hannah turned and looked at me for some help. The boys desired to pray to accept Jesus at their Lord and Savior so they did just that and we’ve seen awesome growth in them ever since. Hannah, for weeks, was excited to share that she was an evangelist! God is the one who saves, no question about it - we were honored to watch Him use our oldest to communicate truths to her younger brothers and lead them to salvation.

- **PRAY** for Leah as she serves at H*VMI, works at Retreat and is a wife and a mom; what a blessing she is to our family.
- **PRAY** for our kids as they learn and grow - all attending a local Christian school called LAMS.
- **PRAISE** for our children’s salvation and growth in Jesus!
- **PRAY** for future property steps and fundraising provision from the Lord. He is in control!
- **PRAISE** for the ministry outreach that is happening at the New Ministry Center!



Fun times at Handi*Camp for the kids!

Some of the fun adventures we’ve had as a family lately include:



The boys got tool bags and helped build their aunt Jessie a shed.



Simeon won the prize for first child to get stitches, he’s holding six fingers up for the six stitches in his little foot. All healed and he’s proud of his “cool scar.”



Spent some relaxing time at the shore over the summer. The kids love playing at the beach together. Hannah even learned to paddle board.



**First day of school this year.
Hannah: 9 yrs old in 4th grade
Saul: 7 yrs old in 2nd grade
Simeon: 5 yrs old in Kindergarten 3 days/week**