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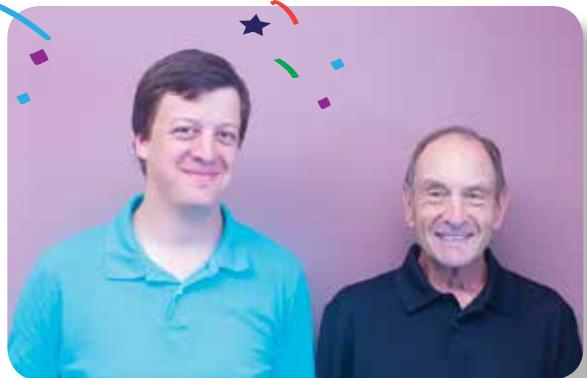
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"So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." I Corinthians 3:7



by Tim Sheetz, Executive Director

"Lord, You establish peace for us, all that we have accomplished You have done for us." Isaiah 26:12



Time flies when you're having fun!

And we have had fun through these last 45 years of H*VMI as God has been growing this ministry. **FUN**—we chased a mouse around a camp dorm long enough to name it “Myron!”

And we have had **TEARS**—sharing with many as they grieved profound losses.

And we have had **ANXIETY**—those times when we wondered if there would be enough money in the bank to pay bills.

And we have had **CHALLENGES**—finding additional committed people to fill fulltime staffing needs.

And we have had **MIRACLES**—the most recent one as we watched God locate a property for us and then provide the funds to purchase it.

And we have had **JOY**—especially to see so many—so many come to Christ, both in H*VMI USA and H*VMI Ghana, West Africa. And to see so many whose hearts were shattered find hope and encouragement.

And we have been **HONORED**—to have dedicated ministry partners, and prayer and financial supporters through the years.

H*V/H*VMI has had an AMAZING 45 year journey—and—“...all that we have accomplished (God) has done for

us.” There’s never been a moment of doubt in our hearts that it has been ALL HIS DOING!

Now, what of the future of this ministry? By His grace, by His design, by His plan from before the foundations of the earth, at the H*VMI PA Banquet just a few weeks from now, the H*VMI Board of Directors and I are blessed to be handing over the position of Executive Director of H*VMI to a man who is extremely CAPABLE, a man who is full of COMPASSION. There isn’t a better combination—CAPABLE and COMPASSIONATE—when under God’s direction—to ensure the prosperity of H*VMI going forward.

I hope you will plan to join us at the banquet. It will be a wonderful time of celebration of H*VMI’s 45 years, October 1973–October 2018, and a time to encourage the new Executive Director, Kyle T. Robinson, and the entire H*VMI Ministry Family. I hope you will be there as we begin the next 45 years of H*VMI, if Jesus tarries!

More details about the banquet and an invitation are in this newsletter.

H*VMI Welcomes Our New Mind's Renewed Blogger!



My name is Laura Khan. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Pennsylvania, a Registered Art Therapist with the Art Therapy Credentialing Board, and a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner with the Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation. I am also certified in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy through the Beck Initiative at Penn.

I received my BA in Art and Psychology from Caldwell College, and then went on to complete my MA in Mental Health Counseling with Art Therapy specialization. I interned at a partial hospital (or day program) in Newark, NJ, providing group counseling for individuals with mental illness and substance abuse. I also interned at a day program for individuals with dementia, and there I ran art therapy groups and helped with structured programming. Most recently, I worked at a community-integrated recovery center in Philadelphia, as a counselor and art therapist. I completed intakes for incoming participants, and provided group and individual therapy for individuals with mental health challenges (mostly with Schizophrenia) and substance use disorders.

I am especially interested in Christian counseling and how the great story of redemption can be seen in each of our lives. I enjoy reading books by Ed Welch, Curt Thompson, and Richard Winters. I appreciate the perspectives they give to the field of Christian counseling and neuropsychology. I hope to combine their writings, the Word of God, and my experience in the field, as I write the Minds Renewed Blog.

I currently spend my days with my son, on the floor playing with trucks, or chasing him as he tries to crawl into the kitchen! I also enjoy making art when I can. My husband and I attend a local church and have benefitted from the preaching, worship and community there.

Fun Facts about me:

I'm fascinated with trees, especially ones without leaves! I drink iced coffee all year round, even in the middle of winter.

Crowds of people and small talk are not my thing. I struggle with social anxiety! (Ironic how I worked with people... ☺)

One of my favorite places to go is Oregon.

Current book I'm reading: "When People are Big and God is Small," by Ed Welch

Editor's note: You can find Laura's Minds Renewed blogs on the H*VMI website. Go to hvmi.org and click on BLOGS.



Matches Made In... Heaven...And H*VMI!

A bonus for serving with H*VMI? Through the 45 years of H*VMI, especially Handi*Camp, the following couples met while serving in the ministry and are now married to each other.

Rachel and Paul Amudala
Philip and Hannah Darko (Ghana)
John and Diane Kammerer
Doug and Judy Loy
Derek and Dorothy Martin
Devin and Meghan Martin
Jeff and Emmy Ort
Jordan and Kate Roberts
Brian and Sandy Robinson
Kyle and Leah Robinson
Tim and Izzy Stow
Ralph and LeAnn Wakeman
Alex and Christine Whiting
Ben and Kay Whitt

God is SO gracious to H*VMI—and to these wonderful couples! E-Harmony and Christian Mingle.com have no contest with H*VMI matchmaking!!!

Online Opportunities

Visit us at hvmi.org and keep up with:

- [Blogs](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Ministry Events and Dates](#)
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HANDI*CAMP #45

May 23-27 (Orientation); May 28-July 12 (Handi*Camp & Bible Conference)



Just The Stats!

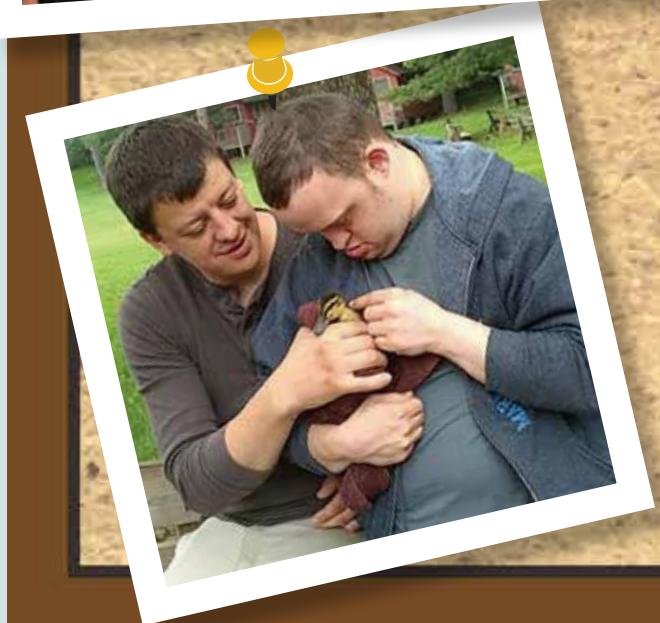
Campers/Bible Conference Guests:

- ◆ 113 total participants
- ◆ 90 campers (9 first-timers)
- ◆ 23 Bible Conference guests (1 first-timer)
- ◆ A 4.4% INCREASE from 2017.
- ◆ 0 (YES – ZERO) campers turned away, as in previous summers, due to staff shortages
- ◆ MOST IMPORTANT "STAT!"—2 campers made salvation decisions

Staff:

- ◆ 9 H*VMI missionaries/staff; 3 H*VMI Associate Missionaries
- ◆ 52 summer staff, including volunteers
- ◆ 6 staff children
- ◆ Staff came from 8 states (PA, NJ, FL, MD, NE, NC, VA, WI)

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!



Second Generation Handi*Camp Staff

Forty-five years of Handi*Camp is long enough that a second generation of Handi*Camp staff has served with us. The year each second generation staff person began serving is noted in parentheses (.). The asterisk (*) denotes the first generation staff member:

- Kyle Robinson (2004)—son of *Brian (former Handi*Camp Director, now H*VMI Office Manager and Assistant Handi*Camp Director) and *Sandy Pelligra Robinson
- Jessie Robinson (2005)—daughter of *Brian and *Sandy Pelligra Robinson
- Ally Rice (2007)—daughter of *Rose Rice
- Joyanna Wakeman (2008)—daughter of *Ralph Wakeman and *LeAnn Miles Wakeman
- Ruth Holen (2008)—daughter of *Paula Weiler Holen
- Dorothy Holen (2010)—daughter of *Paula Weiler Holen
- Carolyn Wakeman (2011)—daughter of *Ralph Wakeman and *LeAnn Miles Wakeman
- Kelli Robinson (2012)—daughter of *Brent Robinson
- Ben Holen (2014)—son of *Paula Weiler Holen
- Brianna Loy (2014)—daughter of *Doug and *Judy Aller Loy
- Katrina Yogerst (2018)—daughter of *Susanna Weiler Yogerst

You Won't Want to miss H*VMI's 45th Anniversary

What an exciting time in the history of this ministry, of which YOU, dear reader, are a pivotal part. This is YOUR anniversary celebration as well as H*VMI's because you have encouraged us just by receiving and reading *Increase*. And many of you have invested in H*VMI prayerfully and financially. We are truly partners in a historic mission outreach to people who have special needs and life challenges. COME CELEBRATE WITH US!! Your invitation is enclosed.

You won't want to miss Yoder's delicious family style dinner.

You won't want to miss fellowship with H*VMI friends from now and from "then!"

You won't want to miss Tim Sheetz's charge to Kyle Robinson as he turns over the leadership of H*VMI to the new young Executive Director.

You won't want to miss Kyle Robinson's thoughts and dreams for the future of H*VMI.



Rich resides in the Grand Rapids, MI area with his wife Sue, to whom he has been married for 43 years. They have two married adult children and four grandchildren, with #5 on the way! Rich has served in ministry for 42 years, 35 in a senior pastorate in Philadelphia, PA and currently as senior pastor of Byron Center Bible Church in the southern suburbs of Grand Rapids, MI. He was also Executive Director of IMI/SOS International, a counseling ministry to pastors and churches; and has helped to place interim pastors in pastor-less churches. Rich has been involved in conference and pastoral training ministries throughout the United States and internationally. Over his years of ministry, Rich has been a part of a number of college and mission boards. Important to H*VMI is that Rich served on our Board as the very first Chairman from the time Handi*Vangelism became independent of BCM International in 2004. In October 2012, we very regrettfully accepted his letter of resignation. He was feeling the impact of the distance between Michigan and Pennsylvania and believed it was

You won't want to miss our Guest Speaker—Dr. Rich McCarrell. If you've attended previous H*VMI banquets between 2004 and 2012, you've probably heard Rich speak. He's always a favorite! Many of you will remember his "penny illustration." It made a great impact on all who heard the story. Rich resides in the Grand

time to step away from the board. Rich is dynamic, down-to-earth and a blessing every time he preaches and speaks.

You won't want to miss Our Guest Musicians: The Petry Family from Lancaster, PA. The Petry family is actively involved at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and seeks to glorify God with their music. They write: "*We think of ourselves as musicians first, and people with disabilities second.*"



Jennifer Petry graduated from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with a bachelor's degree in both Music Performance and Music Education. She has been teaching private lessons for nearly thirty years, and is registered with the Suzuki Association of the Americas as a Suzuki teacher.

Jennifer runs her own chamber music camp as well as an audition preparation camp for high school students. Jennifer also works as a director and consultant for music students with special needs through her jointly run non-profit ministry "Adaptive Music Project." Mrs. Petry is currently the director of orchestras at Veritas Academy in Leola, Pennsylvania and teaches an active studio of violin, viola, cello and bass students.

Inga Petry was born in Siberia, Russia. She was adopted into the Petry family when she was two. After watching her mother teach music daily, she insisted that she get her chance to play even though she did not have arms. Inga began cello lessons on a viola placed at her feet before she turned three. As she grew big enough to play an actual cello, Inga needed a steadier way to hold it. May

We Help, a group of volunteer engineers, developed and built a stand to hold her cello at just the right angle. As Inga grew musically, the PLAY Foundation provided a grant for Inga to purchase a beautiful full-size cello. With the help of these groups, Inga was able to focus on practicing and on doing what she loves best—sharing her music with others. Inga has performed extensively throughout the United States and in England. She has played benefits for non-profits dedicated to creating unique devices to help people with disabilities live more abled lives. Inga is currently a student at the King's College in New York City, studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics with a minor in International Relations. She is pleased to return to Lancaster to perform at the H*VMI event with her family.

Sary Banquet—Saturday, October 13, 2018



Elena Petry began cello lessons at the age of eight, studying with her mother. Elena is a member of the Veritas Academy orchestra, and is in the leadership position of assistant principal cello in the Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra. She has been both a participant and junior counselor at the Adaptive Music Camp

in Ohio and has attended her mother's chamber music camp for the past eight years, most recently as a student in the mentor program. Elena goes to the Peabody Conservatory Chamber Week in the summers, and has traveled extensively with her music, performing in the United States and in England. Like her sister, Elena has enjoyed performing for groups with disabilities, sharing her story with others so they can be encouraged to reach for excellence as they develop their skills. She plays on a 7/8 cello granted to her by the PLAY Foundation, and uses an adaptive cello holder and bow holder made for her by May We Help. She is currently a sophomore at Veritas Academy in Leola, Pennsylvania.



Alex Petry has always loved music. When he was two years old he began to conduct, often sneaking up to the podium to conduct his mother's orchestras when she stepped out of the room. He began violin and piano lessons at the age of seven. He added viola lessons in middle school, along with organ lessons in his teen years.

Alex plays the associate principal second violin position in the Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra, and is a violist in the prestigious Allegretto Orchestra. In the summers he attends his mother's chamber music camp as well as the Peabody Conservatory Chamber Week, and has helped at the Cincinnati Adaptive Music Camp. Alex participated this past year as a freshman in the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educator's festival orchestra, an auditioned honors orchestra, and is the recipient of Westminster Presbyterian Church's music scholarship program for students who want to bring their performance to the church. Alex is also a singer, performing in his school choir as well as the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster. He sang the lead in the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" with Lancaster Opera. Alex is a sophomore at Veritas Academy in Leola, Pennsylvania.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland**

October 13, 2018; 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM



H*VMI CALENDAR

Please visit our website or call our office for details.

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September/October

Support Groups and Bible clubs begin after summer hiatus. Check schedule at humi.org

September 8

BASIS Support Group Facilitators' Training,
H*VMI Office, Ephrata PA

September 25

Annual Golf Outing,
2:00 PM, Tanglewood Manor,
Quarryville PA

September 28-29

H*VMI Board of Directors' meeting
H*VMI Office, Ephrata

October 13

**PA Fundraising Banquet
H*VMI's 45th Anniversary Celebration!**
11:30 AM–2:30 PM
Yoder's, New Holland PA

November 16

ExtraOrdinary Give Fundraiser
(details to follow in the next edition of Increase)



Ministry Math And Multiplication

by Tara Kelley, Director, Disability Training

Millions of  in the  + **One** ministry  = **"Two"** many needs for H*VMI to meet alone!

One training team **X Seven** recent trainings **X Number** at each training = **a Multiplication** of people equipped to meet the needs of people facing life challenges

H*VMI desires to come alongside churches, Bible colleges, community organizations, other mission agencies and schools in ministering to the needs of those facing the challenges associated with abuse, grief, disability or mental health issues. Our training team is ready to work with such groups to provide seminars, mini-conferences or resources in areas of compassion ministry so recipients may receive refreshers in ministry skills or learn additional skills to better serve those around them.

FAQ | What are some of the seminars you offer?

ABUSE

Bridge to Restoration | Ministering to those who hurt because of abuse and/or those who struggle with addiction.

Building Children of Hope | Practical tools to help protect children and minister to those in abusive situations.

DISABILITY

A Mile in My Shoes | Basic needs of families affected by disability and what your church can do to better meet those needs.

Outside the Box | Including People Affected by Physical Disabilities.

ABCs of Bringing Out the Best in Children with ADHD

Putting the Pieces Together | Reaching the Heart of Those with Autism.

The "Simplicity" of the Gospel | Sharing the Gospel with people who have an Intellectual Disability.

GRIEF

Help for People in Pain | The grief process and ways individuals can learn to cope with loss situations.

Living With a Sovereign God in a Sour World | Moving beyond painful feelings that overwhelm us at a time of loss and finding where God fits into the situation.

Helping a Child Who Has Lost Someone through Death

MENTAL HEALTH

Beginning a Support Group (available in manual form only)

OTHER

Relationships | Why relationships go bad, mending them and responding even when the other person does not want to be part of the healing process.

Helping Children of Divorce

Where are your trainings held?

Our team is able to travel to you at the host location of your choice.

What is the length of the seminars?

Most seminars average two hours. Some contain multiple sessions. Generally, we are able to adapt content to fit your timeframe. Mini-conferences offer multiple seminar track options and are typically held Friday evening through Saturday afternoon.

Do you require a minimum number in attendance?

Due to the content and interactive nature of seminars, we require a minimum of ten attendees.

What does H*VMI provide?

We provide the seminar speakers, materials for participants and AV equipment (if needed). For mini-conferences, we are able to provide a printable PDF conference brochure file for promotional purposes.

What is the fee for the seminars?

We ask that travel expenses be covered for the team (including overnight, if needed) and a love gift be given to the Training Ministries of H*VMI. Love gifts help us cover the cost of the materials we provided and enable us to continue offering training programs to others.

How can I receive more information?

Contact us for a complete listing and more detailed description of available seminar topics or visit our website for additional resources.

How can I schedule a seminar?

Contact Tara Kelley at our office by calling 717.859.4777 or by email at tkelley@hvmi.org

Some comments from seminar attendees:

"Lots of practical info, tips, ideas. Interactive."

"I appreciate the creative approach and suggestions/recommendations for effective teaching and communication."

"I enjoyed the activities to get us to feel how it is for a child with different-abilities."

"Great tips to incorporate into the whole class and to use at home with my son with ADHD."

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Property Update —The Home Stretch

By Kyle Robinson, Assistant to the Executive Director

Ever talk to a marathon runner? Ever heard the marathon cliché, "When running those 26.2 miles, it's the last .2 miles that are the hardest!?" We've been running a long time, it seems, but we are in the final lap, the *Home Stretch*.

The process of zoning adjustments and property acquisition was full of highs and lows, full of times where we felt like we were sprinting through steps, and times where we had to walk slowly. God showed His mighty power when He would speed things up and bring things together quickly. Then He gave us times to rest in Him and trust that, in the midst of the stillness or waiting, He was still there working. Well, this season of the process, which I'm calling the *Home Stretch*, is proving to be no different.

This phase of the process that will get us to the point where we can actually build on our new property includes the following: A Conditional Use Application and hearing and then a presentation of our Master Plan/Land Development Plan and its subsequent approval. These are time-consuming things. With each, we must go before the local borough council, and possibly other committees. Often times, when people ask what the timing will be for this, I chuckle, because what I'm guilty of in my own mind is to begin to answer the question with the words, "If I had it my way..." or, "Well the way I see it..." The problem with that is, if I truly had it my way, things could go very badly. God has all the pieces to the puzzle in view. I don't. He's got the bigger picture in mind. The Bible says that my brain could not begin to fathom it.

So here's what IS fathomable for all of us as we think and pray: These two processes are time consuming. They are

"You put helping kids in a framework of a positive, Christ-centered approach."

"Quality content and materials."

"Loved the personal stories to clarify feelings; Biblical examples of the process of grief."

"Brought to the front of the mind things I knew about but did not think about."

"It seems that a lot of hearts were touched, and people were moved to take action."

We PRAISE the Lord for the positive feedback from past seminar participants. Please PRAY that the Lord continues to use H*VMI's training team to meet the needs of people in the church, community—and beyond!



the final exam where all the detail work needs to be shown. The process we are going through is similar to one a major developer would go through to get the permits for a small housing development. This could take six months, it could take a year. We just need to pray that the process goes smoothly. At the end of the *Home Stretch* process we will have a building permit and everything in place to get our shovels and get going. This is obviously the goal. Things seem slow going, but as these articles to update you continue to be written, there are people working tirelessly in the background perfecting detailed plans, planning complex presentations, working on time-consuming estimates, and the list goes on. Please continue to pray as we "do all as unto the Lord" and work on finishing this *Home Stretch* process.



Fall Fun-for-All Fair

POSTPONED

In the last issue of *Increase* you read about the upcoming Fall Fun-for-All Fair. This harvest festival style outdoor event is designed to minister to the local community of families affected by disability. Our plan is to hold the fair on our new property, but, in light of where we are with the property (see the article above: *Property Update-The Home Stretch*) and the work needed to get to the finish line, we have chosen to postpone this event so we can continue to prioritize the actual building project. We look forward to hosting our Fall Fun-for-All Fair at our new property once the land is further developed. We'll let you know when the date is rescheduled.

16th Annual Charity
Golf Outing

September 25, 2018

**Tanglewood Manor
Golf Club**

*One of the top ten public
golf courses in PA!*

653 Scotland Road, Quarryville, PA 17566

**Pre-registration encouraged,
but walk-on golfers are welcome.**



To pre-register please respond by
September 18, 2018.

Online: hvmi.org
Email: swilson@hvmi.org
Phone: 717.859.4777

The Fall 2018 United Way Campaigns are kicking off in most areas at this time. You may be looking for a way to be sure your United Way donation goes toward a program that you wholeheartedly support. If your local United Way allows Donor Option (or Donor Choice), you can decide where your gift goes. H*VMI's Handi*Camp, BASIS and REST Ministries programs have been approved by several United Way offices to receive Donor Option designations. We are very thankful for these additional gifts toward our camping program for children, teens and adults with physical and/or intellectual disabilities; our bereaved parents' support ministry; and our ministry to people who are abused or hurting!

Designate all or part of your United Way donation this fall. The Donor Choice form for the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey includes a space for an agency code number for the following ministries of H*VMI:

Handi*Camp (Handi*Vangelism) #1113
BASIS (Handi*Vangelism) #7659
REST Ministries (Handi*Vangelism) #12000

Be sure to include our office address (PO Box 122, Akron PA 17501-0122) so your United Way office can contact us.

*Thank you for prayerfully considering one of these H*VMI programs as part of your United Way donation.*



**Handi*Vangelism Ministries
International™**

A Ministry of Compassion since 1973

Executive Director: Rev. Timothy D. Sheetz

Ministry Departments

BASIS

Ministering to bereaved parents and their families through a support system of personal contact, newsletters, support groups and other activities.

Disability Ministries

Discipleship • Handi*Camp • PIP • Training

Providing encouragement, Biblical instruction and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities through year-round programs and summer camp; supporting parents of children with disabilities through resources, special events and group meetings; and training individuals and churches to better understand and meet the needs of people with disabilities and their families through seminars and awareness events.

International

Ministering in Ghana, West Africa and training national workers throughout the world as they develop ministry outreaches to people with special needs and life challenges.

Minds Renewed

Helping people address mental health issues personally or with a loved one.

REST Ministries

Offering hope to the hurting, abused and addicted, in the church and in the community.

Seminars

Helping people facing life challenges; and training Christian workers on topics such as grief and loss, mental health, abuse, divorce and disability.

Twilight Senior Ministries

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