



# Increase

WINTER  
2018-2019

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

## ..... CONSISTENCY .....

by Kyle Robinson, H\*VMI Executive Director

**G**reetings friends, prayer warriors and supporters of H\*VMI. It is truly a privilege to be writing these words. As you read them, I am serving the Lord as the Executive Director of H\*VMI. I am humbled and honored to be given this responsibility, and I do not take it lightly. I will covet your prayers as we move into the future that God has for H\*VMI. You may be asking yourself, “What is the future of H\*VMI?”

When we look at the world in areas like politics or business and we see a change of leadership, we have come to expect big changes. New directions. Big promises. In politics, the tactic of dismissing or putting down the way things were done in the past is commonplace. Whether it’s enacting a new law or adjusting the business model, change is often the goal. However when it comes right down to it, is it change that is needed? Or, is what is needed most consistency. Consistency is a very foreign concept in today’s world. As parents, my wife and I focus on this word as we strive to be good examples for our children. For those of you with children, you know there is no manual, no exact way to parent that can be translated to any family environment. But across all ages and walks of life there is value to consistency. Where do we see this best displayed? In the Bible. As children of God, we have firsthand knowledge of what consistency looks like. God has been the same for all of eternity. And those who follow Him have been asked to do the same things since the beginning of time: love God and tell others about Him.

I believe that consistency is an appropriate mindset or goal for H\*VMI moving forward. We are not a ministry that serves people in the short term. We minister to people in the long term. We walk alongside parents in our support groups for years. We watch people progress to the point that they can reach out to new group members and support them through their life challenges. We have seen a lot of our Handi\*Campers grow up throughout the years of the ministry we’ve had to them. H\*VMI is also a ministry that relies on consistency when it comes to our ministry’s funding. We have been so blessed by the generosity and steadfastness of people like you. We will continue to do our best to honor that by being faithful



Kyle, Leah, Hannah, Saul and Simeon Robinson

in our use and our acknowledgement of your prayers and gifts. As we move forward, consistency is going to be critical to a healthy ministry.

As you know, we are now property owners. The way our ministry will happen on the land that we now own is going to look different. But, there will still be consistency in the **what**. It’s only the **how** that will be different. With the new property, we will have opportunities to grow various aspects of the ministry. We will be able to do things that, with the current rental properties, were not possible.

“In with the new” will not mean “out with the old.” Throughout the ministry of H\*VMI, for 45 years, the heartbeat has consistently been one simple Biblical Truth: all people are created wonderfully by God and need His Compassion, Love and Truth. That is not changing. H\*VMI’s goal will be to continue to walk alongside individuals facing life challenges and to equip others to do the same.

As we step into the next 45 years of ministry I want you to be as excited as I am, eager to meet new challenges, anticipating God’s provision, seeking His wisdom and holding tightly to the Truth from His Word. These are amazing times in which we live. The need for our ministry is more apparent than ever. Please continue to pray and walk with us as we serve the Lord together.

# H\*VMI Impacting Lives



REST Ministries offers hope to the hurting, abused and addicted, in the church and in the community. One of the ways REST Ministries works is by providing a workshop called “*Bridge to Restoration.*” The seminar helps people understand the ways abuse affects lives and offers steps to take to help ourselves and others.



Judy Edinger is our now-retired (but not much less active!) H\*VMI REST Ministries’ missionary. Below, Judy tells the story of Susan, a woman who attended a “*Bridge to Restoration*” workshop. Judy said that, following their meeting at the workshop, she had the privilege of

discipling Susan through some of the most painful, dark times in her life: when her husband committed adultery and had a child with the other woman; through a painful divorce; through many life transitions while seeking God’s healing and restoration. In addition to the abuse she experienced, Susan was misdiagnosed with Lupus which, later, was discovered to be Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Susan wrote this to Judy: *I’ll always remember when we first met at a “Bridge to Restoration Workshop.” I was scared, trying to hide in the back of the room wanting to be unseen. I was feeling overwhelmed by all you were teaching that day. When I called you, asking what I could do to help others, I never imagined the direction the Lord would take me. Thank you for being there for me at all times and not being afraid to tell me when I was wrong. I think of you often. You are a big part of why I am who I am today. We may not see each other often these days, but I know you are always just a phone call away. God is good!*

Enjoy this poem written by Susan:

## A NEW DIRECTION

It is a new day, for a new creation.  
New steps to be taken, a new direction to follow.

God will show me the way. It’s beyond imagination.  
I know I’m not mistaken, it’s a new direction to follow.  
He is the Potter, I am the clay. It is time for reconciliation.  
His love cannot be shaken. There is only one direction to follow.  
Dark days may come. Times may cause me to stumble.  
Tears may be shed. Thoughts may turn sinful.  
But there is a new direction to follow.

I come to you O Lord. With all I am and all I have.  
Lead me down Your path.  
Because you are the Leader and I want to follow.

God certainly ministered to Susan in her own need and moved in her life in such a way that she is now impacting the lives of others who have been abused. She volunteered with REST Ministries, helping other hurting women, until she married and moved away from the area. She continues to have a close walk with the Lord. She also has developed support groups especially for those dealing with MS.

And, by the way, dear Judy Edinger ministers to many “Susans” out of the healing God brought to her own personal need because of Judy’s own experience of being abused.

## H\*VMI CALENDAR

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**November 3, 2018**

H\*VMI Training Seminars, Carlisle PA

**November 4, 2018**

H\*VMI Training Seminars, Millersville PA

**November 16, 2018**

EXTRAORDINARY GIVE Day—*see enclosed flyer*

Chicken Barbeque at the H\*VMI Property

**March 29-30, 2019**

H\*VMI Board of Directors’ Meeting

**April 6, 2019**

H\*VMI NJ Banquet, The Grove, Centerton NJ

**MONTHLY**

**Bible Clubs:** *For people with developmental disabilities.*

**Support Groups:** *For parents of children with disabilities; for bereaved parents and their families.*

# TRANSITION

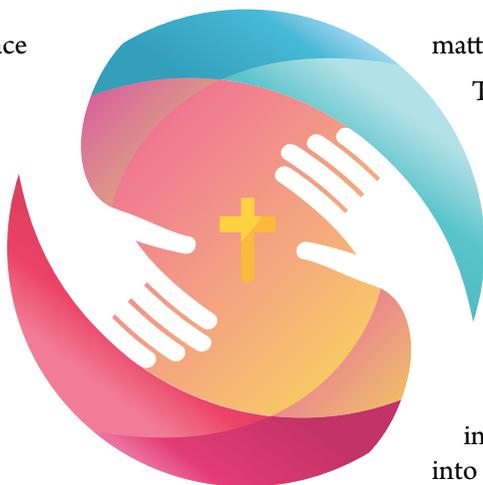
by Tim Sheetz, H\*VMI Founder and Ministry Ambassador

As you know, a transition has taken place here at H\*VMI. My former "title," Executive Director, has been transferred to Kyle Robinson. He and I and our Board have prepared for this for three years. The public transfer was at H\*VMI's 45th Anniversary Banquet on October 13th. Kyle's official start date was October 15th.

Transitions can sometimes be tricky – even difficult. That's not the case here at H\*VMI. The reason is... it's God's timing, plan and person!

When there is transition in our lives, some kind of major change, there are two questions that can address any concerns or doubts that could arise:

The first question comes from Jesus' challenge to Peter in Matthew 16:15. "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's answer was spot-on! "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." That response speaks volumes if it can be settled in the hearts and minds of God's people, especially when major change comes into our lives. If one can conclude that God is truly alive and is absolutely sovereign over all things, including all that's happening in our lives, we can rest in the fact that, no



matter what, His timing and plan are perfect.

The second question comes from Jesus' exchange with Martha in John 11:2. After explaining the fact about the resurrection that all who believe in Him will never die, Jesus asks the question, "Do you believe this?" In other words, "Martha, do you believe Jesus' words? Can you trust Him?"

If the answer is "yes" (and it was for Martha), then a lot can be settled, including when any change might come into our lives, especially one that might produce physical or emotional pain, anxiety, doubt or fear. Study the lives of Joseph and Job to see real-life examples of people who experienced drastic change in their lives and yet found God trustworthy.

Living in the "darkness" of uncertainty which typically comes with change, when there are no immediate answers as to how this change will work out in our lives, can be unnerving UNLESS we come to grips with these two questions. If we establish in our minds and hearts **Who God is** and that **He can be trusted**, it will relieve any pressure, doubt and uncertainty a transition, a change can produce.



Chicken Barbeque at the H\*VMI Property,  
3261 Rothsville Road, Akron, PA

**November 16, 2018**

11 AM – 2 PM or while supplies last

\$10.00 for Chicken, baked potato, roll,  
applesauce, drink

**No reservation needed.**

**Just come and get it before it's gone.**

## A New Role

by Kyle Robinson, H\*VMI Executive Director

Tim Sheetz has provided some amazing consistency through his 45 years of being the Executive Director. He held fast to the Bible and grew in his relationship with Jesus as he has humbly led this ministry to where it is today. Tim is not transitioning out of H\*VMI; rather, he is moving to a new desk and getting a brand new title, Founder and Ministry Ambassador. He will be focusing on the "doing" parts of the ministry that represent his heart. Tim loves the "work," he loves the people and God has gifted him in so many ways to minister to the people we serve. As a Ministry Ambassador, he will represent the ministry in churches and other venues to spread the word about the incredible work God is doing at H\*VMI. I am excited that consistency will mark the relationship Tim and I will continue to have. He has been and will be a mentor, prayer warrior and friend to me.

# Is Camp Your

We're asked that question—a lot! The answer is, "Camp is ONE of our busy seasons!" That first question is second only to, "What Do You Do The Rest Of The Year?" The answer to that question is, "PLENTY!"

This past summer, our staff arrived home from camp on July 13th. We unpacked the U-Haul, caught up on our personal laundry and mail and then got right down to work again.

In between each actual event was lots of planning for each one, as well as planning for Bible clubs, support groups and the presentation of training seminars in churches and Bible colleges, all resuming after their summer hiatus.

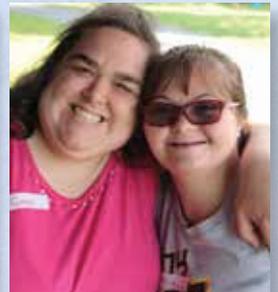
So, our **BUSY SEASON** is actually January through December. We're thankful for all who pray for us and bless the ministry with financial help to carry on in the **BUSY SEASON!** Enjoy a few pictures from some of our events during our "BUSY SEASON."

## July 21st ~ Wedding

We all supported Devin and Meghan (H\*VMI Associate Missionary) Martin on their wedding day.



## August 25th ~ PIP Picnic



## July 27th-28th ~ The H\*VMI Yard Sale



## September 8th ~ BASIS Support Group Facilitators' Training Seminar



## August 11th ~ BASIS Picnic



## October 2nd ~ Annual H\*VMI Golf Outing



# Busy Season?



## October 13th ~45th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

325 people gathered at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland PA to give glory to God for 45 years of H\*VMI; to thank Tim and Kathy Sheetz for their vision to begin and lead the ministry over these years; and to encourage Kyle Robinson as he begins his tenure as the new Executive Director of H\*VMI.



Current and former Board members laying hands on Kyle Robinson.



Sheetz Family



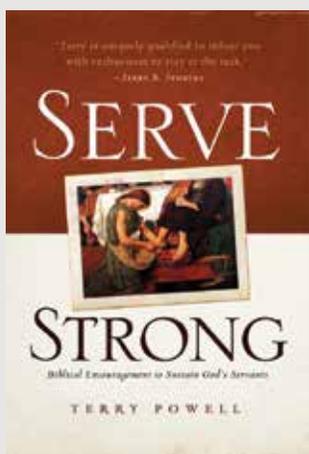
Robinson Family



# HOW?

by Terry Powell

*Editor's note:* The following poem and the introduction to it, from the book, *SERVE STRONG*, are used here by permission of the author. He also asked that we tell you about a new website he has started on faith and depression: [penetratingthedarkness.com](http://penetratingthedarkness.com).



**D**o you want to glorify God? How does a person best glorify Him? There's a tendency to think it's through some avenue of service, or a demonstration of uncompromising character. No doubt we honor Him in those ways. But an irony of Christian living is that God gets most glory when we're needy, when we're in a situation that needs a divine remedy. When we feel weak and inadequate, we're forced to trust Him since there's no other recourse. We're prompted to pray due to the limits of our own resourcefulness. Then God answers our plea or displays His power in some manner, and the result is... we praise Him. We tell others what God did. Put simply, God's name is most magnified when we're at wit's end and plead for God to do what only He can do. That's what the great British preacher, Charles Spurgeon, had in mind when he said, "We give God most glory when we get from Him most grace." More than any other truth in the Bible, this concept motivates me to pray, to seek God's help so He'll display His might and receive applause. After all, God Himself promises to help us with the ultimate aim of receiving honor: "Call on Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me." (Psalm 50:15)

The poem that follows is an attempt to capture this encouraging perspective.

# HOW?

How can God receive most glory  
in the plot of my life's story?  
When I teach a class with flair,  
or stop to show someone I care?  
When I apply truth that I've heard,  
or work to memorize His Word?  
When I explain why I believe  
to people willing to receive?  
When I give away my stuff  
to folks who do not have enough?  
When I gladly pay the price  
for some need-meeting sacrifice?  
When others read the words I write  
and benefit from my insight?  
When my faith gets off the fence?  
I start my day with confidence?

Or is the Lord more magnified  
when my feeble hands are tied?  
When I am mired knee-deep in need,  
and I've no recourse but to plead  
for Him to give it His best shot  
and do for me what I cannot?  
When I'm trapped at my wit's end  
and I've no choice but to depend  
on wisdom I do not possess  
to overcome the cause of stress?  
Or when the devil turns up heat  
and I am one step from defeat,  
pleading for strength to resist  
until He opens His closed fist?  
Or when despondency descends;  
I stumble in the fog it sends,  
and the light can't penetrate,  
and I groan under the weight  
of a spirit without hope...  
when I need Christ just to cope?  
Or when I'm flat upon my face  
relying on sustaining grace,  
weaned from pointless human pride...  
is that when God's most glorified?  
When only what the Lord can do  
can erase fear and see me through?

Yes, His power gives me a song,  
for when I'm weak, then He is strong!  
Yes, His name is lifted up  
when I extend my empty cup.

# GHANA, Summer 2018

by Larry Lamina, H\*VMI Ghana Director

This summer we had a military theme with lessons based on the *full armour of God* (Ephesians 6: 10-18). We taught the children to defeat the devil in their life concerning *fear, disobedience, having my own way and waiting-a-while by letting God give them victory through faith, obedience, confession, prayer, studying the Bible and making the right choices*. After the basic morning routines like drama, singing and preaching there were camp rotations in the morning (teaching, games, craft and small groups), sports in the afternoons and short teaching with movies/talent shows during the evenings.

**30th July to 2nd August 2018 for ages 4 to 13 year olds.** This program was led by the mission team from Hope Community Church, Mt. Joy PA. We had 246 attendees and at the close of the program, 47 were counseled for salvation.

**6th August to 9th August for ages 14 to 18 year olds.** This week's camp had 216 in attendance. The routine was as usual. Leaders were given the opportunity to take charge of the morning preaching. (They were coached by the previous week's preachers.) Aunty Mary Beth, with her Ghanaian interpreter, H\*VMI missionary, Brother Philip (Darko), taught Bible lessons during the camp rotations. This week the afternoon sports were more competitive and the afternoons were filled with different games and extracurricular activities.

**August 13th to August 16th 2018 for children who attend our Slum Bible Club. They were ages 3 to 17 under the leadership of Brother Evans.** This was a bigger group with about **437 children in attendance**. Many of these kids do not go to church and have little Bible background. One girl asked what sin was and the teacher explained that sin was doing something wrong. Children from the church community and from the Handi\*Vangelism Boys' Home also had a wonderful time participating in the camp programs. The kids at this home are children of persons with disabilities who have been rescued from the dangers associated with living on the streets of the city with their mothers. Pastor Douglas Ampadu gave devotions during the evening chapel. He spoke on the theme: No Greater Love (John 15:13). **98 children were counseled for salvation.**

**COMING—Christmas Deaf Camp (20th to 30th December 2018).** Each year we have 200 Deaf Kids. They will each need a scholarship of \$60.00. We need special gifts to provide for these scholarships.





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## 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

Serving senior citizens and their families.

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