

Seasons of Serving

A ministry update and prayer letter from Meghan (Love) Martin

Ministry Questions

As a teacher and a parent, I am used to a lot of questions. I am often answering the questions that are asked when wanting to learn more myself—

Who? What? Where? When? Why? And How?

My goal is to answer those very questions about my ministry at H*VMI. Through these questions, I pray the Lord uses the answers to show you His heart for people with disabilities and the importance of bringing His love to them.

WHY?

As we close out the 2023 year, it is amazing to look back and see all the Lord has done through the ministry of H*VMI. The many, many hours put into Bible clubs, support groups, trainings, one-on-one visits, Bible Conference Retreat, Handi*Camp Day Camp, Lesson on the Lawn, and all of the 50th year celebrations were not wasted. Looking back, we can see the way the Lord used each opportunity to draw people closer to Himself and to bring Him glory!

When ministering to people with disabilities, it is not often that we get those clear mountaintop moments of salvation or true understanding, but that does not mean that God is not working. What others might see as unnecessary, the Lord uses for good. This summer for Lesson on the Lawn I taught on the idea of NEW—new mind, purpose, home, etc. To get the idea across, I had the participants pull items out of a bag and decide if the objects were old or new. One of the items was a bag of old Bible cassette tapes that we were looking to get rid of before we moved. The participants were clearly able to identify the cassettes as old, but little did I expect that one of our participants would want to take our old cassette tapes home with her! We received the following note from the mom of this participant:



"Many thanks to all of you at Handi*Vangelism for your dedicated service and loving outreach. She just loves all of you, and she is just absorbing all you share with her. Just wanted to share this pic of her this morning. Since she woke up, she's been listening to those old cassette tapes used in your lesson last night. She's been singing, using her Bible, and the props used for the lesson. These things are precious to her, and me!

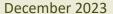
So glad we still have that old cassette player!!"

Stories like the one shared above is why I do what I do at H*VMI. The big mountaintop moments are a blessing, but so are the small daily reminders of the way God works in our hearts every day. 1 Corinthians 1:27 tells us: "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong..."

HOW?

All these moments, both big and small, are possible because of **YOU!** Your support and prayers are what continue to make my ministry at H*VMI a reality.

Thank you to all who have partnered with me in ministry this year!





And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

—Galatians 6:9



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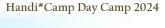


WHAT's Ahead for 2024?





Bible Conference Retreat—March 22-24, 2024







Thank you once again to all who have followed along, prayed for and partnered with me in this ministry. From my family to yours...



I Need YOUR Help...

My support continues to grow through God's grace and I am so thankful. With that said, I am still looking for individuals or families who would be willing to partner with me on a monthly basis. Could that be you? Your financial support helps me continue to reach out to our community of adults and children with disabilities. I am so thankful that I have the privilege of serving this way, but I cannot do so without your help!

See side panel for how to give monthly or one-time gifts.



Family Update:

Baby girl is coming soon! As long as everything goes to plan, she should be joining us on December 18th. Please pray with us for that day, and all the preparation, both physically and mentally, that will happen before that day. We are excited to share our new addition to the family with you in the new year. As always, thank you for your continued love and support for our family! Have a blessed Christmas season!

And in every season, I will praise Him!

PLEASE PRAY WITH US:

- * PRAY for upcoming trainings and the hearts of churches and organizations wanting to better serve those with disabilities.
- * PRAY for our continuing year of Bible clubs. Six clubs in the Lancaster area running from October through April.
- * PRAY for our property project. Please pray for safety, wisdom and funds to continue to make this "place to call home" a reality.
- * **PRAY** for safe and healthy delivery of baby girl on Dec. 18th, Lord willing!



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