



# Robinsons' Road



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Enhancing Trust

For a few years this letter began with Robinsons' Road... To becoming full time missionaries... Then God granted us the achievement of that goal. Through your prayers, support and commitment to what God is doing through us here at H\*VMI we are serving Him full time. Three years ago the Board of Directors of H\*VMI asked me to take the position of *Assistant to the Executive Director* for the purpose of being mentored and trained into the *Executive Director* role, the role currently held by our founder, Tim Sheetz. For the last three years Tim has been showing me the way. He did not sit me down for lectures on how to lead or have a set schedule for doing this or that to prepare for the role. Rather, we have spent time discussing issues as they arose, praying for the ministry and each other and walking together through the situations God has brought our way. Tim has been an excellent teacher, not because of his amazing curriculum, but because of his heart for the Lord and example of what it takes to lead a ministry.

Today, as I sit and type this letter I am thinking back over my time here in the ministry. As I look back I ask myself, "Is this where I thought I'd be when I joined the ministry?" Easy answer is, "No." During an interview conducted at a supporting church, my home church growing up, I was asked what I thought my future at H\*VMI would be. I replied by saying that I always saw myself being involved with Handi\*Camp and I would see what God would do in the future. The interviewer then asked this question, "What if God is preparing you to be H\*VMI's next Director?" I honestly may have laughed out loud! "Yeah right," I thought. I nodded in response but inside still scoffed at the notion that I could one day be leading this amazing ministry. Well here we are....

So what does the future hold? Tim, H\*VMI's Board of Directors and I have decided that October 2018 is the time that the mentoring transition period will come to an end and my time serving as the Executive Director will begin. This will take place at H\*VMI's 45th Anniversary Banquet on October 13th 2018 (Brochure enclosed). I have thought about that day coming since the Board asked me to take on my current position. How would God have me lead? Am I fit to guide this ministry into its future? At some points, I feel hopelessly overwhelmed at the thought of it. I can even find myself losing sleep. At other times I find myself feeling confident and ready. I have found neither of these mental perspectives to be healthy. So, as I walk into the future, I will hold tightly to this truth: In myself I am incapable of doing the task ahead of me; but with God I cannot fail. I'm going to call this perspective, *confidently incompetent*. I'm moving ahead, continuing to strengthen my relationship with my Lord and striving to please Him in all I do in life and ministry.

## Going to Ghana

I will be journeying with my sister, Jessica Robinson, to Ghana, West Africa this December for H\*VMI Ghana's Deaf Camp ministry. As you know, I visited once before in 2016 and loved every minute of it. The ministry in Ghana is growing in amazing ways. The Deaf and Blind Camps welcome hundreds of campers each year and the outreach to the slum community is expanding in ways we never thought possible. Jessie and I are going to Ghana with the purpose of assisting with the Deaf Camp. Jessie is an RN and will assist with the nursing and healthcare needs at camp. Please pray for our preparations as we get the necessary vaccinations and medications for overseas travel and work out travel details. Please pray also for Leah and the kids. Our trip will have us out of the country for 15 days.



## Property Update

We have owned the future ministry center property for a year now. We have been making progress with getting all the necessary details into our plan and preparing for a building permit application. Before that process, we must go through what's called a Conditional Use Hearing. There are many little intricacies to these processes and it can all be very confusing. However we are making good progress and are excited to get started. Please pray with us for the following things: 1) that our application for conditional use will be accepted and that, at the hearing, our request will be granted. 2) that our building permit application and associated approval process goes smoothly. 3) pray for the funds that need to be raised. We're planning the next phase of our campaign to fund the property project. As it stands now, we are debt free property owners. We would LOVE to keep it that way.

## Handi\*Camp by the numbers:

- We had 113 total participants - 23 Bible Conference Guests and 90 campers (10 were first-timers).
- We increased from 2017 by 4.4%.
- We had 19 other campers/guests on our registration list at some point in the process who didn't attend for one reason or another.
- We are praising the Lord that we did not have to turn away any campers due to staff shortages. Due to adding a seventh week and God's amazing provision we were able to fully staff each week.
- We believe two campers made salvation decisions at camp this summer—we are so excited to see those decisions, those BIG moments; but we are also excited to see the growth in so many of our campers each year they attend and learn more about God's Word.