

Increase

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



by Kyle Robinson
Executive Director

PROPERTY UPDATE:



Cancelling or Constructing



With so much closure and cancellation all around us, it may be hard to think toward the future, to see the light at the end of this tunnel. To be very frank, a large part of our time at the ministry through the most restrictive quarantine months has been, heads down, trying to re-engineer a socially distanced ministry wheel. God has allowed amazing success in these efforts as you will read in this issue of *Increase*.

Through it all, we have been toiling in the background not only planning and executing the amazing H*VMI ministry that has been taking place during COVID-19 challenges, but making sure we spend time thinking forward and planning for the future. "What is the future of H*VMI?" you ask. When the H*VMI property is completed and in full swing, the possibilities are amazing, such as opportunities for growth and expansion of existing programs and more options for training the local church. Through this growing and changing, the mission of H*VMI will stay the same. Our drive to serve is as fervent as ever. However, when we complete construction, we will be "cancelling" some things:

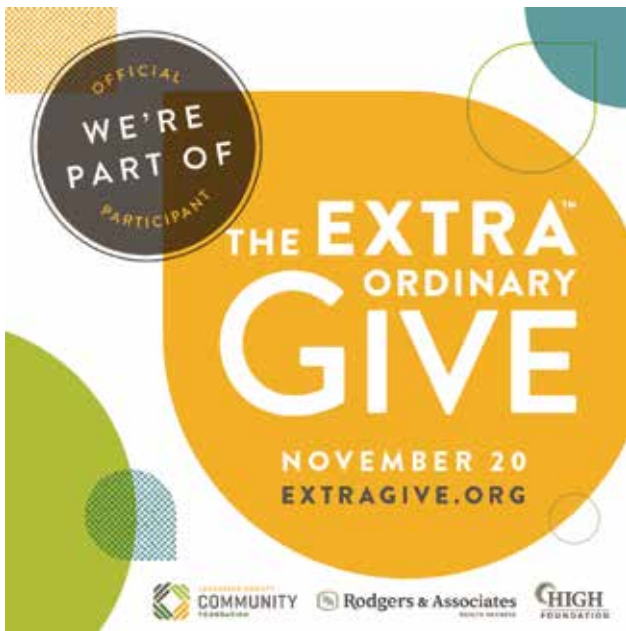
- **Rental payments**
These funds will instead go to the upkeep of our own Ministry Center.
- **Wooden ramps**
These will be replaced by buildings designed for accessibility.
- **Schedules that aren't our own**
The schedules of our rental facilities will no longer impact the way we do ministry.
- **Limitations on who we serve**
Formerly we could not serve some people who came our way due to capacity and

weekly limitations, or health reasons due to facilities not having AC or other needed amenities. Our ministry center is designed to address those needs.

- **U-Haul Trucks**

For too many summers we have packed and moved, packed and moved and packed and moved again. Once we move our ministry supplies to the property, we won't need another moving truck!

With all the shutdowns, cancellations and postponements, what HAS been done to further progress in preparation for construction at the H*VMI Property in Akron, PA? We had already secured our second Conditional Use decision which allows our second driveway to be in the best location. As you may have guessed, COVID-19 related shutdowns really hampered our ability to have in-person meetings with or to get responses from government agencies. However, the H*VMI team, engineer and board members have been meeting both virtually and in person as we were able. We have developed a Storm Water Management Plan. The finishing touches are being put on our Land Development Plan that will be submitted to the borough for review. Timing is in God's Hands. We discuss it quite often as a staff and board. We are aiming for approvals to be finalized in fall 2020, and due to fall/winter freezing temps, our official ground breaking in early spring 2021. We have seen God's guiding Hand through all of this. His timing is predominant and He is in perfect control. For now, we press on and wait anxiously for the day when we can CANCEL the challenges we have faced being a ministry without a permanent home by CONSTRUCTING our ministry center.



Mark Your Calendar NOW Friday, November 20

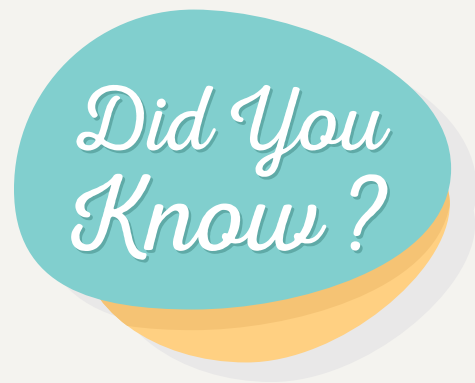
by Brian Robinson, Office Manager

Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's Largest Day of Giving and H*VMI's largest fundraiser for our General Ministry Fund. In SEVEN years of GIVE involvement, we've received a total of \$323,125.20 in donations, stretch pool and prizes—WOW! Thanks to so many ministry friends for supporting us in this giving event each year.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help H*VMI in 2020! For 24-hours only (midnight to midnight), visit ExtraGive.org, make an online credit card donation designated to H*VMI (**\$10 minimum**). Your gift will be stretched by a percentage of the **\$500,000+** stretch pool provided by event sponsors. ANYONE can give—you don't have to live in Lancaster County.

More details will be available in late October about cash prizes that H*VMI donors can help us potentially win and ways to encourage friends to join our growing list of Extraordinary Givers. This information will be emailed to all past Extraordinary Give donors and to others through our email lists. If you receive a hard copy of *Increase* by mail and would like to receive this additional information, please email me at brobinson@hvmi.org or call the office (717.859.4777) so I can be sure you receive it.

Thanks again for your prayers and support for H*VMI. We are so blessed by many, many friends who pray and give.



- New \$300 Universal Charitable Deduction**
 To help alleviate the economic devastation caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Congress has enacted the *Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act). The Cares Act is a brand-new universal deduction for charitable contributions. Taxpayers who don't itemize may now deduct up to \$300 per year in charitable contributions given to a 501(c)(3) public charity.
- No Annual Limit on 2020 Charitable Deduction by Itemizers**
 For 2020 only, if you itemize, the CARES Act allows a taxpayer to deduct contributions up to 100% instead of 60% of their Adjusted Gross Income and wipe out your income tax liability entirely.
- Contributions by Corporations**
 The CARES Act increases these amounts to 25% of taxable income for 2020. Donations of more than 25% may be deducted in the following five years.

Please consult your financial advisor or tax professional to see if you are able to access these advantages. These changes are limited to 2020.

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Enhancing Trust

Follow Us...and Please Pray!

by Tara Kelley, Director, Disability Ministry

This year's ministry schedule is uncertain, but as the Lord allows, we plan to hold the following weekly/monthly ministry programs. Please PRAY for each opportunity as God's Word goes forth to bless, challenge and encourage those who hear!

H*VMI's Monthly Ministries					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	<p>Bible Club Collingswood (NJ)</p> <p>PIP Support Group Collingswood (NJ)</p>	<p>BASIS Support Group Lebanon (PA)</p> <p>Bible Study Inglis House (PA)*</p>		<p>BASIS Support Group Harrington (DE)</p> <p>Bible Club Lancaster County (PA) Group 3</p>	<p>KEY:</p> <p>BASIS is H*VMI's ministry for bereaved parents.</p> <p>PIP is H*VMI's ministry for parents of children with a disabilities.</p> <p>* Residential Facilities</p>
Week 2	<p>Family Day H*VMI Staff Meeting</p> <p>Bible Club Melmark (PA)*</p> <p>PIP Support Group Akron (PA)</p>	<p>BASIS Support Group Paradise (PA)</p> <p>BASIS Support Group Lavelle (PA)</p> <p>Bible Club Lancaster County (PA) Group 2</p>		<p>Bible Club Lancaster County (PA) Group 4</p>	
Week 3	<p>BASIS Support Group Quarryville (PA)*</p> <p>Bible Club Sunny Crest (PA) *</p> <p>Bible Club Lancaster County (PA) Group 1</p>	<p>BASIS Support Group Akron (PA)</p> <p>BASIS Support Group Aldan (PA)</p> <p>Bible Club PSC (PA) *</p> <p>Visitation Inglis House (PA)*</p>	<p>Bible Study Maple Farm Nursing Home (PA)*</p>	<p>Bible Club Elwyn (PA)*</p> <p>Bible Study Ephrata (PA)</p>	
Last Week	<p>Bible Club MSAA Manor (NJ) *</p>				



by Kathy Sheetz, Editor, Increase

Cancellations seem to have emerged, like never before, during our months of quarantine and because there are people offended by certain things in our culture.

When our country and world went on lockdown because of the virus, and no one could go anywhere, do anything or see anybody, statements like these began to circulate:

- Every time you feel sad, remember the people who wasted their money on a 2020 planner.
- 2020 has taught me to not write things in my planner until they already happened.
- I just want a refund on my 2020 planner.
- I've made some bad decisions in my life, but at least I didn't buy a 2020 planner.

Lysol products certainly seemed to be cancelled. I searched everywhere to find them. Then, our local pharmacy said their truck would be there on Thursday at 8 AM with a new supply of Lysol products. My husband was there by 8:30 AM. They were sold out! He looked at the shelves that had ever-so-briefly held the long-sought-after items and saw what they would have cost him IF there were any to purchase. He left the store wondering



Support Groups were held on patios and lawns—social distancing fellowship along with a little Vitamin D and encouragement from God's Word!

if he was better off anyway, not emptying his wallet to kill a few more germs.

When people began taking offense at things that touch just about every sector of our society, they said these things had to go! We learned about cancellation after cancellation: sports team names, TV programs, food labels, clothing items, historical statues—and more.

It's been a strange new world for all of us over the past months.

H*VMI, VERY reluctantly, had to do some cancelling of our own due to COVID-19. We had to cancel programs, events and opportunities, ones that we love to provide for our constituents.

- Handi*Camp was cancelled. The first time in 47 years.
- Bible clubs were cancelled.
- Support groups were cancelled.
- Nursing home ministries were cancelled.
- Staff meetings were cancelled.
- Banquets were cancelled.

It was all of necessity, but it broke our hearts. The last thing we wanted to do was add to the feelings of abandonment our ministry people were already experiencing. It was time for us to think outside the box and get super creative!

Pictures always tell the story. Enjoy the creative ways God led the H*VMI staff to reach as many people as we possibly could over these recent months, encouraging them in the Lord during such challenging days. **And, especially note the "out of the box" plans we're making for our October 3, 2020 banquet!** Details on page 8.



Devotional videos were filmed and posted on the H*VMI website, on YouTube and were sent to support group members. Tim Sheetz prepared several for PIP and BASIS. And, the Robinson Family targeted campers and Bible clubbers with their "Ducks and Devotions" videos.



H*VMI Staff Meetings and Monthly Family Days were accomplished by GoToMeeting.



Lesson on the Lawn—Drive-in Bible club. Families affected by disability joined us at the H*VMI property, parked and remained in their cars. They tuned their radios to a station where, with the help of an FM transmitter, they could hear Bible songs and lessons broadcast from mics manned by H*VMI staff. Each participant received a bag with a drink, snack, song sheets, a craft to do at home, and tools and a booklet to help them interact with the lesson.

BASIS and Disability Ministries Picnics were held under tents, on the lawn and as a drive-through pick-up.



Online Meeting Room—Set up in the H*VMI Office so campers and Bible clubbers could talk, pray with and be encouraged by our staff.

Many one-on-one phone contacts were made.



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A Ministry of Compassion since 1973

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Mission Statement

H*VMI exists to share the compassion of Christ by walking alongside individuals facing life's challenges and equipping others to do the same.

Vision Statement

H*VMI provides support, programs, resources and training so the people we serve may be included as growing and serving members of the Body of Christ.

H*VMI Program Areas



DISABILITY

- Discipleship—for people with disabilities of all ages living in rehab centers, residential facilities, nursing homes or the community
- Handi*Camp—for children, youth and adults with physical and/or intellectual disabilities
- PIP—for parents of children with disabilities



GRIEF

- BASIS—for bereaved parents and their families
- for people grieving over many types of losses such as the loss of a spouse, parent, sibling and other significant people; divorce; employment; health



TRAINING & EQUIPPING

- for **Individuals**, the **Church** and the **Community**, locally and around the world, in areas such as disability; grief; mental health; abuse; divorce

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CANCELLED!

by Tim Sheetz
Founder and Ministry Ambassador

In recent months, so much has been cancelled, whether because of the virus or because of the push for social justice. We're praying that the virus will soon be under control and that social justice truly will prevail under the guidance of the One Who created every man and woman, white, black, brown, red, yellow.... Perhaps when these things happen, the Cancel Culture will be able to look different than it does today. Perhaps some things that have been CANCELLED will be fully or, at least, partially restored.

Colossians 2:13-14 speaks to an ETERNAL CANCELLATION. "When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having CANCELLED OUT the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." CANCELLED! GONE! ERASED! VACATED! VOIDED! These verses in Colossians exclaim loud and clear that the overwhelming debt of sin, which you and I could never repay, was CANCELLED. Praise God!

All our many sins, past, present and future are STOMPED ON and TOSSED INTO THE DEEPEST SEA. *Micah 7:19* "He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

Our fallen and corrupt nature is eternally DESTROYED and we are a new creation in Christ Jesus. *II Corinthians 5:17* "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

All this—and the best is yet to come. *Revelation 21:4* tells us of more permanent CANCELLATIONS to come: "...and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain." GONE! Not postponed, mind you. No possibility of a return. CANCELLED – forever!

Dear Reader, take heart. The headlines in today's news—sickness, destruction, death, fear, anger, uncertainty—pale in comparison to the Good News of God's cancellations!

The Fall 2020 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 and BASIS 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, and for our bereaved parents' support ministry!



Community Partner

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.

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.*

SAVE THE DATE, October 3, 2020

REVISED EVENT vs NEW LOCATION *and* FORMAT



PA Banquet
New Holland



TIME: 11:00 AM–3:00 PM *Come and go at your own convenience.*

PLACE: H*VMI Ministry Center Property, 3261 Rothsville Road, Akron PA 17501

VENUE: **Under a tent** *If physically able, please wear a mask (unless eating) and practice social distancing at this event.*

MEAL: 1/2 Barbequed Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll and butter, Whoopie pie, and Drink.
Prepared just for our guests by a very popular Lancaster County Amish Family Company, the Reihls.

COST: \$10 *Payable when the meal is received.*

NO NEED TO REGISTER—BUT—COME EARLY.
Chicken will be served while supplies last!

There will also be live music, fun fall activities for “children” of all ages and a tour of the H*VMI Property, all at no charge. You can walk off your dinner on our beautiful property and get an idea of where buildings and outlying structures will be built. (A golf cart ride will be available for those who are not able to walk.)

This will obviously not be our “traditional” H*VMI PA Banquet,
although SOME traditions will be the same:

The fellowship will be sweet. The meal will be delicious.

There will be an opportunity to make a donation to the H*VMI ministry.

This year’s “banquet” will be very special, especially since it will be on H*VMI’s own property. Hope you can come. And, if you can’t, be sure to view pictures on H*VMI’s Facebook page after the event.