



## H\*VMI Ministry Center



### **Shut down. Social distancing. Stay at home.**

All terms that, for a large scale ministry development project, could cause frustration. The Covid-19 situation and related restrictions slowed our ability to move ahead as quickly as we had hoped. However, we have made progress with plans for storm water management, grading and other features through virtual or small-in-number meetings. Our Highway Occupancy Permit is well under way if not approved by the time you read this. And, we are fine-tuning plans with Borough officials that should make the approval process smoother once things re-open. Please use the Checklist in the last Spotlight to continue praying for a quick approval by fall; and for the start of construction!

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### Upcoming Events

*As God allows, we hope to offer the following:*

#### August 8

BASIS Picnic, Akron PA

#### August 15

Handi\*Camp, PIP and Bible Club Picnic, Akron PA

#### August 16-22

H\*VMI Staff on-site to train/assist Black Rock staff in implementing Special Needs Camp Week, Quarryville PA

#### September 15

Annual Charity Golf Outing, Quarryville PA

#### October 3

Annual Ministry Banquet, Yoder's, New Holland PA

Visit [hvmi.org/upcoming-events](http://hvmi.org/upcoming-events) or call our office for details or to RSVP.

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Regular Support Groups (for bereaved parents and parents of children with a disability) and Bible Clubs should be resuming September/October.



### PRAYER

- **PRAY** for those who are dealing with the grief—recent or in times past—of someone they love; that they will realize and rest in the comfort of the One Who knows.
- **PRAY** for wisdom as states begin to transition to a more open atmosphere; and for creativity as we consider some new ideas for outreach in the late summer/early fall.
- **PRAISE** for the recent opportunity, as we have been quarantined, to focus on creating new and updating old training resources and curriculum materials. PRAY for them to be useful as they are posted on our website and shared in training opportunities in the days ahead.

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# The GREATER Number

## Which is greater? 408,025 or 1?

For mathematicians, the answer is “408,025”—of course! But for some, ONE is the far greater number. Why? The answer comes in realizing what each number means. 408,025 is the very broad, statistical number being reported of those who have died (to date) of Covid-19. ONE represents an individual. ONE parent grieving the loss of ONE child as the world “moves on.” ONE friend who is terminally ill. ONE spouse who is no longer there each day. ONE friend quarantined alone in the room of a residential facility. ONE parent home caring for a child with a disability. ONE child who has gone astray.

Sometimes ONE is the greater number, because it represents the person YOU know and love! Through the years, and especially in recent times, H\*VMI has had the honor of walking alongside people ONE at a time. The stories we could relate are as individual and precious as the people themselves. One such story from a BASIS (H\*VMI’s ministry to bereaved parents) dad continues to touch our hearts. This dad wrote:

*“My wife still reminds me that when I visited her after the birth of each of our five children, and brought her a gift, none could match the clock-radio I presented her upon the birth of our son—our only son. David was the middle child with two older and two younger sisters. From the time he was a child he demonstrated seemingly tireless intensity in the things he attempted. Fulfillment came twenty-four years later upon graduation from the Police Academy in Maine.*

*“A ‘P.K.’ (Preacher’s Kid), David endeavored to please his dad and struggled with a vocation choice—thinking he might not please his dad if he didn’t become a pastor or missionary himself. If law enforcement was God’s will for his life, the encouragement from dad was for him to become the best police officer possible...and he was, but only for two years. With one hour to go on a double shift he was working for fellow officers, David again unselfishly demonstrated his tireless energy by responding to a reported accident call to assist two other officers in their reports and investigation. It was just a month before his twenty-seventh birthday, on a hot, humid Saturday afternoon. David’s life on earth came to an abrupt close—ambushed and gunned down by someone he was trying to help.*

*Officer Payne fulfilled the purpose to which the Lord had called him, and was promoted (to heaven) on July 23, 1988. Over nine-hundred law enforcement officers, plus another thousand relatives, friends, and others heard a clear presentation of the Gospel during the memorial service. Truly, David was a missionary! The tears of family and friends cannot change what has transpired, but David did leave a legacy that is irreplaceable.”*



# The NEED

## God Himself showed us the importance of ONE:

*“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?” Matthew 18:12 (NLT)* He knew the separation from and death-loss of His ONE and only Son, Jesus. Why? So that each ONE of us might have present hope and eternal life: *“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His ONE and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NLT)*

It is quite evident that we live in a world filled with much loss, hurt and pain. There is hatred and anger that brings about disunity. God’s heart is for His people to come

together to pray for ONE another and to be a part of showing every ONE His “John 3:16” love. As recent regulations have prevented group programs, H\*VMI has been even more actively engaged in doing this through one-on-one phone calls, texts and emails. As we move forward in the uncertain days ahead, please pray that each of us will be attentive to the ONE who needs to feel His touch or hear His Words of hope. Pray that we will wisely respond to each opportunity God gives. And thank you for being ONE who comes alongside H\*VMI through prayer and support, enabling us to continue sharing that hope—ONE person at a time!



## One Person at a Time.

**I/we would like to be ONE(s) who come alongside H\*VMI as they reach ONE person at a time.**

**GIVE ONLINE at: [hvmi.org/donate](http://hvmi.org/donate) OR MAIL TO: H\*VMI, PO Box 122, Akron PA 17501.** (Thank you for providing an envelope.)

Please PRINT your contact information below.

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I/we would like to help H\*VMI through a financial gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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