

STEP BY STEP... *A Place To Call Home*

"A Place To Call Home" has been H*VMI's tag line since our Property Project began. But what is "HOME?" Home is far more than a building. It is a *place* where people can feel a sense of belonging. A place where they are valued and accepted for who God made them to be. A place where they can find love and acceptance, no matter what they are thinking, feeling or experiencing in life. Simply, a place where they FIT, when so often, out in the world, they do not.



Dennis and Tim

Meet Dennis. Dennis was born with CP (Cerebral Palsy). His disability made him an easy target in his own "home" where he experienced both physical and emotional neglect and abuse. Dennis' home was also spiritually empty. H*VMI first connected with Dennis in 1980 when we provided training to a local church so they could begin a ministry to people with disabilities. Dennis attended that church's first "Handi*Vangelism Class" and soon accepted the Lord as Savior. He then became part of Handi*Camp, H*VMI's summer camp for people

with disabilities. Dennis "grew up" before our eyes, and more importantly, grew in the Lord! H*VMI staff members visited Dennis and discipled him. He continued to attend his church regularly and participated in their special needs ministry. He faithfully used his God-given gifts and abilities to serve in various leadership roles in the church until he graduated to his Ultimate Home in heaven not long ago.

H*VMI has been striving to create a safe place for people to feel at HOME since the ministry began in 1973. At H*VMI, HOME is a place where providing physical care is just a part of what we do: taking someone to the bathroom, dressing, pureeing a meal or feeding someone. It is also where Bible teaching includes opportunities for those who are non-verbal to respond to the Gospel using alternate communication methods. It is a place where worship means singing, Signing, motions, grunting, leaping across the room (literally!), spinning, dancing or clapping. It is a place where hurting hearts, faced with deep loss, can share freely in a safe place without judgement. It is a place where tears are welcome and Truth from God's Word is shared, offering hope for the future. A BASIS (for bereaved parents) mom shared, "You are far more than just a support group to me. You're my family!" HOME at H*VMI is a place where people's souls are refreshed, even if just for a few moments, before needing to return to the outside world to face another day.

Lord willing, H*VMI will continue to provide a HOME for those God sends our way – people and families affected by disability and bereaved parents. And while to us HOME is much more than a building, our very practical side realizes WE DO NEED BUILDINGS on the property God graciously provided for us in 2017! Having finally received all the necessary approvals, H*VMI just took a HUGE forward step in making HOME a reality at a GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY on October 22, 2022.

Next step? Excavation and erecting those buildings so we can continue serving the growing number of people God is sending our way through Handi*Camp, Bible clubs, support groups and training ministries.

But wait! One little detail. H*VMI needs the finances to make this happen and to make it happen as soon as possible. How do you fit into this picture and into the H*VMI Family God has created? By being one piece in the process of building this place to call HOME. By being a supporter of this ministry and specifically, now, this project. We have anxiously awaited this day, and now... IT'S TIME! We are looking for God's abundant provision to supply every need so we can quickly finish the task ahead and get on with the ministry's work and expansion. Please prayerfully consider what God may be leading you to do to HELP BRING OUR FAMILY HOME!



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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

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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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Please BE PART OF BRINGING US

- God has *already* supplied abundantly through many of YOU! We own the property debt free thanks to our donors who gave more than \$520,000, the purchase price, in just a few short months!
- Through ongoing property designated funds, we have been able to pay *all* of the bills associated with the planning and approval stages of the project.
- Of the \$2.5 million needed to complete the excavation and office construction portion of the project, we currently have \$634,326 in donations available. This is HUGE—LET IT SINK IN! 25% of this immediate need has ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED as of the writing of this letter.
- H*VMI has access to construction loan funds to finish the excavation and office construction portion of the project. **However, H*VMI is striving to raise the remaining \$1.9 Million up front in order to avoid using loan monies!** We believe this is a very reachable goal and that God, once again, can provide.
- Our goal is to complete the excavation and office building within six months. We plan to have the office under roof by winter so the interior can be finished during the colder months. We anticipate moving into the office in the summer of 2023.



ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS

EXCAVATION: grading, water and sewer lines, storm water management and paving. Estimate: \$1,377,870

OFFICE/TRAINING CENTER: offices for current and additional missionaries/ministry staff; meeting rooms for smaller Bible clubs, support groups and training events. Estimate: \$1,166,196

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING: includes kitchen, dining hall, chapel, activity room, dedicated support group room and classrooms for all ministry programs. Estimate: \$1,909,793

CABIN BUILDING AND RECREATION AREAS: camp and retreat dormitory style rooms to support Handi*Camp and retreats for all ministry programs; pool; pavilion; playground; playing fields; and basketball court. Estimate: \$1,571,010

THREE HOMES: for H*VMI full time staff serving at the Ministry Center. Estimate: \$708,000

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Your part in this project will impact the lives of people facing life's challenges now and for eternity. As God provides for you, we ask that you join with H*VMI by committing to one or more of the following:

- PRAY**—and keep praying that God will provide for and protect H*VMI through this project. We want His provision to be so profound that He alone receives the glory.
- SHARE** this project information with an interested friend, neighbor or family member.
- INVEST** in one of two distinct and powerful ways:
 - A **ONE-TIME DONATION**
 - THROUGH A RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION** that will allow H*VMI to have consistent cash flow to keep the project progress steady.

Please share your commitment with us by using the attached RESPONSE FORM. THANK YOU!

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."
— Edward Hale

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." 1 Chronicles 29:14



OFFICE (side view)



OFFICE (top view)



MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING



CABIN



Yes! I/We want to help BRING H*VMI HOME!

I/We commit to the following (check ALL that apply):

- I/We commit to PRAY specifically and faithfully for the Property Project and its impact on the lives of people.
- I/We will SHARE the project information with someone.
- I/We have someone you should meet with to share this project. CONTACT ME/US!
- I/We would like to give a ONE-TIME DONATION. ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1000 ___ \$2500 Other: \$ _____
- I/We would like to make a RECURRING MONTHLY DONATION specifically for the PROPERTY PROJECT.
BY: ___ mailing a CHECK ___ CREDIT CARD ___ EFT (Please call the office for EFT info.)
IN THE AMOUNT OF: ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 Other: \$ _____

All financial gifts are tax-deductible. Thank You!

Please complete contact information to the right, cut off slip and return in the enclosed envelope.

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Method of Payment

- Make your gift securely online at: hvmi.org/donate Text GIVE to: 717.210.4759
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- My check payable to H*VMI is enclosed.
- Please bill my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date ___ / ___ Security Code _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Street or PO Box _____

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