

Seasons of Serving

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

Impacting Difference

Have you ever tried to evangelize to someone? I recently joined an evangelism team at my church, and it has been interesting to hear others' views on evangelism. There is often the tactic of asking someone where they will go when they die. Or people will go right in and start sharing the Gospel with lots of terms like propitiation, repentance, and atonement. But, when it comes to sharing the Truth with people with disabilities it looks a lot different.

This year marks my 5th year working full-time at H*VMI and my 11th year serving with Handi*Camp. In all my years with H*VMI, I always recognized that what we did was different. Not every ministry serves people with disabilities. Not every ministry can care for those with extensive medical and/or behavioral challenges. Not every church can care for those with disabilities in their congregation. But, I recently met with a local woman who was looking for how to better serve a young girl with disabilities at church and her comment really struck me...

*"Talking with a mom of a child with disabilities, I was reminded that they need the Gospel shared with them just as much as anyone else. I had never thought about that. **We were at church. I just assumed she had heard the Gospel.**" - Church buddy looking for training*



Her comment helped me to realize that the things mentioned above are not what make us different. What makes us different is the Gospel and how we are able to make it accessible to those we serve. Going to camp, going to church, living in a Christian home are all great things, but none of those things will get those we serve to Heaven. At H*VMI, I am able to share the Good News of the Gospel with those who might not ever hear it in a way they can understand.

We might not dress in fancy clothes, sing like a choir, or sit still for 30+ minutes, but we are able to be the church for a large group of people who may never make it through those doors on a Sunday morning. Praise God that His Word is accessible for ALL!

If you or your church are interested in learning more about how to better serve a disability community near you, check out our training information and disability resources:

<https://www.hvmi.org/trainingequipping>
<https://www.hvmi.org/disability-resources>

Bible Conference Retreat 2024



Thank you for your prayers for Bible Conference Retreat. Praise God for a wonderful and safe time for all. Please pray for the guests as they return to their daily lives. Pray that the lessons learned and the encouragement that was received will continue to work in their hearts and draw them closer to Him!

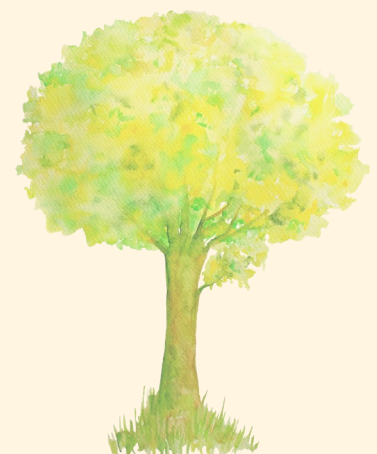


*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
—Galatians 6:9*



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Handi*Camp 2024

Camp time is upon us once again! I am in the thick of processing camper applications and preparing orientation materials for our incoming staff. Please pray for the hearts of the campers who are able to come. Please pray for the staff who are able to join us and serve this summer. Lastly, please pray for the full-time staff as we prepare for Handi*Camp Day Camp 2024. More details are listed below:

Handi*Camp 2024 Schedule:

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

May 31 - June 2: Staff Orientation

June 3 - 5: Challenger Session 1 (Adults—physical/intellectual disabilities)

June 6 - 8: Challenger Session 2 (Adults—physical/intellectual disabilities)

June 10 - 12: Challenger Session 3 (Adults—physical/intellectual disabilities)

June 17 - 19: Explorer Gals (one-on-one support)

June 20 - 22: Explorer Guys (one-on-one support)

June 24 - 26: Voyagers (Teens—physical/intellectual disabilities)

July 1 - 3: Adventurers (Children—physical/intellectual disabilities)

July 4 - 6: Seekers & Discoverers (Teens/Children—physical disabilities)

July 8 - 10: Conquerors & YABC (Adults—physical/mild intellectual disabilities)

Thank you for the part YOU play in Handi*Camp! Your prayers are crucial for a successful summer. Thank you for your willingness to bring us before the Lord!

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:



Our family welcomed our newest addition, our first daughter, Hudson Noel Martin, on December 18, 2023. Hudson is our rainbow baby following a miscarriage in 2022. After the loss, we gave our "girl" name to that baby, Mason June. Once we learned we were having a girl, we decided to follow in a similar vein for her name, and continuing the same ending as our other children. We are all so in love our little "Hudsy girl" and the boys remind her daily just how beautiful she is! Thank you for your prayers for our family!

And in every season, I will praise Him!

PLEASE PRAY WITH US :

- * **PRAISE** for a wonderful year of Bible clubs! Pray that the lessons learned will continue to work in hearts and minds throughout the summer.
- * **PRAY** for upcoming trainings and the hearts of churches and organizations wanting to better serve those with disabilities.
- * **PRAY** for our property project. Please pray for wisdom and funds to continue to make this "place to call home" a reality.
- * **PRAY** for a successful and God honoring Handi*Camp 2024!



If you would like to support Meghan financially, you can do so online or by mail.

MAIL:

Giving can be mailed to:

H*VMI

P.O. Box 122

Akron, PA 17501

Send check payable to H*VMI account #161.

ONLINE:

<https://www.hvmi.org/meghan-martin>

Select online giving.

Thank you for partnering in ministry!

