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Bruce & Brian – Bible Conference retreat

LOOKING BACK – Here are a few winter highlights:

- We had a few snow storms that closed the office and required some snow removal. We gave up on our Simplicity tractor and plow (recycled them!) and instead purchased an ATV with 5' plow. Kyle got to clear the parking lot and driveway several times and it worked very well.
- Feb 3-6 was Lancaster Bible College (LBC) Missions Conference. I participated in two of the evening activities, got to one morning chapel and some meals on campus to interact with students. Dr. Ed, Director of Intercultural Studies at LBC, is retiring and was the speaker for the conference. It was a good sendoff after co-leading the conference for 15 years.
- Our Training & Equipping ministry conducted Saturday workshops in local churches (one in January, one in March; and another scheduled in May). There were some workshops as part of an LBC class, too. We're thankful for opportunities to train church folks and students in areas of disability ministry.

MARCH 21-23 BIBLE CONFERENCE RETREAT – We enjoyed a wonderful weekend with 16 of our BC-1 and BC-2 guests. This was our fifth retreat since Covid at Traber Center (next to Camp Sankanac). God provided all the Companion staffers we needed and gave us a great time together. We had lots of fellowship, food and fun! Tim Sheetz's chapel theme was "Be Still and Know that I am God." He taught the three Persons of the Trinity – one in each chapel time. We enjoyed a challenging Saturday morning Bible hunt to find names of God for each letter in the alphabet. Chris Fletcher (assisted by Lauren Rickards) led our electives and group activity times with the theme of LET IT SNOW / SNOW DAY. We're glad it didn't snow for real - some years we've had to cancel or shorten the retreat due to snowy weather this same March weekend. I enjoyed being Companion for Bruce Wright (age 62) again this year (we always have a good time together and I'm thankful his brother drives him down from Rochester each March!). We were able to livestream the three chapel times via Facebook LIVE again this year. Facebook storage policy changed and our LIVE videos were deleted from our page after 30 days, but several guests and other friends got to see/hear the chapels during the weekend. **Thank the Lord for each guest and each volunteer staffer who came.**

DAY CAMP 2025 – Looking at my calendar, I see Day Camp staff orientation (May 30-June 1) starts in 4½ WEEKS! We'll use a big 30' x 60' tent behind the office as our main activity space for camp. The clubhouse room transitioned to our snack shop last summer – it was a hit! – and the porch is a nice spot to enjoy our snacks and some of our elective activities. The basketball court, recreation field and paved walkways allow us to enjoy activities and electives in lots of spaces around the property. We'll have some spaces inside the office available, too – nurses area, changing bed, etc. We have 140 campers (!) working on applications. We kept the same schedule as last summer - NINE three-day sessions over six weeks. We still are processing applications from veteran staffers and some new staff applicants. **We're praying for the Lord to lead some more staffers to us – and are thankful for several new contacts just today in that direction!** Check out our website for staff information (<https://www.hvmi.org/gohc>). If you're interested in serving even for just a session or two, you can start the application process with a link at the bottom of that webpage that opens PART 1 of our online Staff Application. Once we receive PART 1, we will email a link to PART 2. Staff Orientation (dates above – Friday evening, all day Saturday, Sunday morning to mid-afternoon) is required for new staffers. ALSO - we're seeking folks to serve in other ways, too: **HOST HOMES** for some staff members who don't live locally; friends to provide **SUPPER MEALS** on Day Camp days for our staff team; people to provide **SUPPLY NEEDS** (from our Amazon wish list) and to donate to help with our **FINANCIAL NEEDS** (we aren't charging a camp fee for campers; trusting the Lord to provide for our camp expenses, staff salaries, tent rental, etc.). We're recruiting **PRAYER PARTNERS** to pray for a camper by name during his/her three days at camp. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner (or have interest in other needs), please email me (brobinson@hvmi.org). **Please pray for God to provide just the staff members we need. Pray for lots of preparations happening – prospective staff interviews being conducted, camper applications being processed (including visits to our office by first-time camper applicants), Bible lessons being written and visualized, electives and activities being planned, programming supplies being inventoried and readied.** Here's the camp schedule:

June 2 - 4: Challengers - Session 1

June 5 - 7: Challengers - Session 2

June 9 - 11: Challengers - Session 3

June 16 - 18: Explorers - Gals

June 19 - 21: Explorers - Guys

June 23 - 25: Voyagers

June 30 - July 2: Adventurers

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PROPERTY PROJECT – Fundraising continues as we look ahead to start construction of our Multi-Purpose and Cabin Buildings (hopefully starting August 2026 after Day Camp ends). Be watching our website for updates and more information (<https://www.hvmi.org/reachthegoal>). **Pray with us and consider a donation to help** (<https://www.hvmi.org/onlinegiving>).

Thanks so much for your prayers, encouragement and support. Have a great rest of your Spring and a wonderful Summer.

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