



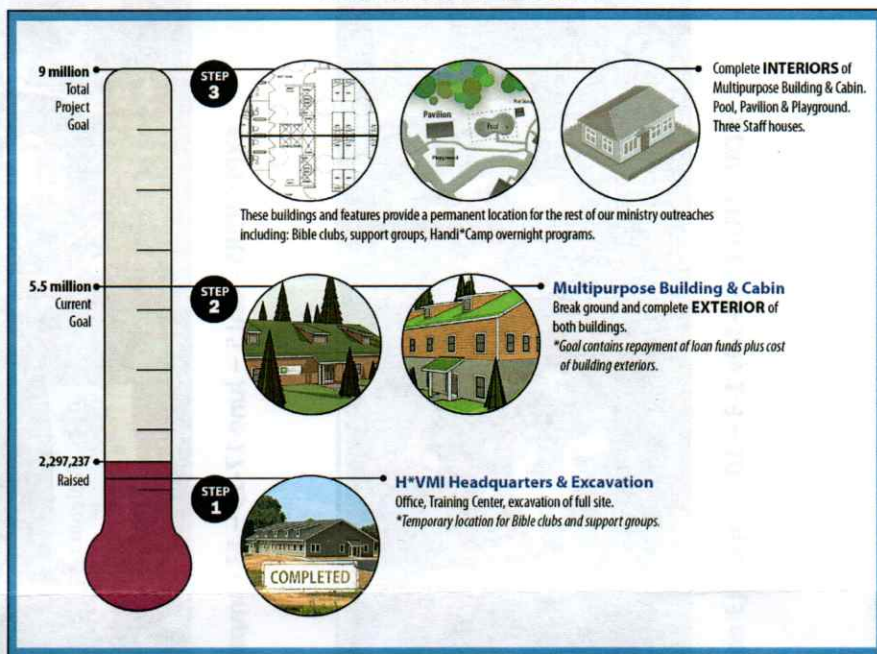
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**MINISTRY CENTER PROJECT:** HVMi's May 2024 "Spotlight" newsletter included a new "Push to Reach the Final Goal" including introducing the graphic pictured here. The total raised on THIS version is \$230,843 HIGHER than the total in that newsletter. We're rejoicing in God's leading of those gifts from many ministry friends this spring and summer. You can read the full May newsletter on our website (<https://www.hvmi.org/increase-newsletters>).

Our next newsletter will announce a matching gift opportunity starting this fall as well as some special events in October so keep checking back to see when that edition is posted. Let me know by phone or email if you would like to receive a copy by mail – we're happy to add you to our mailing list (or our email list to get a link that way). We still need about \$3.2 million before we can START construction of the Multipurpose Building and Cabin. These building are needed ASAP to complete the vision we have for GROWTH of the ministry as shared in the newsletter. Visit our DONATE page if you would like to make a gift to help "reach the final goal."



**DAY CAMP 2024:** THANK YOU so much for praying! God blessed us with 119 campers (13 first-timers!) who came to one of our NINE three-day camp sessions – our fourth Day Camp summer – and this year back on our Akron Ministry Center with a tent pitched behind our office. God provided 43 summer staffers or volunteers who served as Counselors, Support Staffers, Housekeeping, Activities Assistants, Assistant Nurses, Lunch Makers, kidsitters and Saturday fill-in helpers. There were 14 HVMi staffers who served in leadership and some of those other same positions. The uniqueness of day camp (no dressing, changing into swim suits, etc.) gave us the option again of having gal staffers work with guy campers and vice versa if needed. I was a Counselor during two of the sessions and pitched in as needed during others. God blessed us with some new staffers thanks to recruiting visits to several colleges at various times through the year. Chris Fletcher has already connected with some key leadership students at LBC that could lead to future connections for recruiting camp staff and local Bible Club volunteers. He has a Camp Fair at Liberty University Oct 1-2 that he'll be part of. **Pray for God to continue to provide all the people we need to help ministry happen throughout the year and next summer.**

Our Day Camp Bible theme was "Bible 'Lympics – God's Winning Ways." Tara Kelley and Meghan Martin taught chapels in various sessions using Bible skits and lots of good worship songs. Campers divided into Bible class table groups to reinforce the learning after chapels. Elective activities included rocketry, gardening, Giant UNO, crafts, puppets, music/choir, basketball, drama, goofy golf, Disney sing-along, archery,



nature hike 'n hunt (strolling on the loop of paved walkways around the property), dance, creative worship and fishing twice each session (campers loved that we were back at our fishing pond this summer!). We enjoyed large group activities – baseball, parachute activities, campfire at our new fire pit area (s'mores and silly songs), water games (to help beat the heat of the HOT, dry days we had) and Handi 'Lympic Games each session (it is an Olympic year so we joined in with our own version). We had yummy lunches each camp day and friends brought suppers for our staffers, too. We added more accessibility to the original clubhouse building



(bathrooms and covered deck area) and that building became our snack shop which camper enjoyed two afternoons each session. Nurses had their work area inside our new office and we had a changing room in there, too. Campers and staffers had a great time each session and God blessed in many ways. **Pray for the lasting impact of God's Word in hearts and lives of campers and staffers alike.** Looking back at our four summers of Day Camp, we've had 85 first-time campers! Many have returned in following years and some are also connecting in our monthly Bible Clubs. **Thank the Lord for this growth in the impact of our ministry, especially with local families.**