

# SPURS

SPURRING FAITH FORMATION  
IN THE NEXT GENERATION



## CONTINUING THE LEGACY

*Uncle Bill Scholarship Fund Helps  
Kids Come To Camp*

“If a kid wants to come to camp, we’ll find a way to make it work.” That was part of Uncle Bill and Aunt Phyllis Wiley’s philosophy when they started Marmon Valley Farm in 1964.

Sometimes it meant letting families make payments or accepting whatever a family could afford. A few even received a “full scholarship” even though there was no scholarship fund until 2007, when MVM was incorporated as a non-profit. Uncle Bill believed God would provide.

When Uncle Bill passed away in December of 2015, many people sent donations to the scholarship fund in his memory. The family established the Uncle Bill Wiley Scholarship Fund, providing camp scholarships to the children of alumni campers and staff.

Three children benefitted from the fund this past summer, including Hallie Wright. Her mom, Lisa, worked at the Farm in the mid-90’s, doing a variety of jobs, including serving as an assistant riding instructor at camp.

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Lisa was saving money for summer camp for Hallie when the transmission on her car went out...taking most of the summer camp fund with it. Lisa, a single mom, was as disappointed as Hallie and decided to apply for a scholarship.

In addition to the fun she knew Hallie would have, Lisa wanted her daughter to have an experience she couldn’t provide.

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## Continuing the Legacy

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“I wanted my daughter to have more examples of men who are servant leaders,” she says. “There is such a presence around the farm,” she adds, “a Christ-like atmosphere.”

In addition to riding horses, Hallie loves to dance, including ballet, jazz, and tap. Not surprisingly, her favorite memory of camp is the barn dance. “It’s just a lot of fun,” she recalls. “The music, everyone dancing around. Even the boys seemed to enjoy it.”

The 13-year-old moved up a level in riding this summer and gives a lot of credit to the horse she rode for the week, Mimi. “I don’t think she really liked me, would always turn her head away when I went to pet her, but when it came time to ride, she really responded to me.”



Both mother and daughter want to thank the donors. “I think it’s great that they want to carry on the dream that Bill & Phyllis had, that every kid would have a chance to go to camp. It was so important to our family this year.”

If you would like to donate to the Uncle Bill Scholarship Fund, you can send a check and write “Uncle Bill Scholarship” in the memo field. Or make a gift online at: [www.marmonvalleyministries.org](http://www.marmonvalleyministries.org) and click on the Donate tab.



## Planned Giving

*What is a Charitable Bequest?*

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization, like Marmon Valley Ministries, through your last will and testament.

There are different kinds of bequests. For each, you must use very specific language to indicate the precise direction of your assets, and to successfully carry out your final wishes.

In any charitable bequest, be sure to name the recipient accurately. For example, a bequest to The Cancer Society might go to national headquarters, when you meant for it to go to the local affiliate.

To find planned giving professionals in your area, view the Planned Giving Design Center’s Directory of Professionals at [www.pgdc.com/pgdc/members](http://www.pgdc.com/pgdc/members).

For more information on how to include MVM in your charitable giving plans, please contact Jim Schroeder at: [jim@marmonvalleyministries.org](mailto:jim@marmonvalleyministries.org) or call the office at (937) 593-8051.

# A World of Difference

*Supporting Fidele & Sidonie*

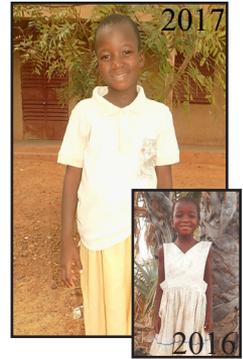
Once again, MVM had the opportunity to partner with Kingdom Investment International to sponsor two children, Fidele and Sidonie, from Burkina Faso in Africa.

Fidele is in the 4th grade and Sidonie is now in the 5th grade. This summer, \$655 was raised to cover the cost of their care and education.

Thanks to the financial support of campers and their families, Fidele and Sidonie have an opportunity for a better life with access to education, medical check ups, and life long mentorship opportunity as they grow up to become productive citizens of their country.

Fidele, 8

Sidonie, 9



**Send Fidele or Sidonie a letter!**  
*Please note, postage is \$1.15/letter.*

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## Opportunities to Support Camp

*Small changes can make a big difference in the life of a camper!*



### Kroger Community Rewards

Designate Marmon Valley Ministries as your beneficiary on the Kroger website and each time you use your Kroger Rewards Card, a portion goes to MVM!



### AmazonSmile Program

Choose Marmon Valley Ministries as your charitable organization and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to MVM.



### Donate

Online giving makes donating simple and easy. Give a one time gift or set up a donation plan that works for you.



Run the 5K, 10K, 20K, or 30K trail race on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018. Register on our website today.

Learn more about MVM at [marmonvalleyministries.org](http://marmonvalleyministries.org).



# *Raising Kids to* **DO HARD THINGS**

By Natalie Frueh

When faced with hard things, many people shrink with fear rather than confront with courage. With the Lord's help (and the encouragement of friends), I have learned to face many difficult things I was once terrified to try. I have discovered that there are steps we can take to live fuller lives in Christ by trusting Him and doing hard things.

## **1. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Deciding the right level of challenge is key.** Look for ways to try age appropriate things that are new or outside of their comfort zone. Something hard could be staying away from home for the first time, trying a new sport, or even sharing Christ with someone. Whatever we avoid in fear is something we can to face with courage that comes from the Lord.

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."  
2 Timothy 1:7*

## **2. PROPERLY EQUIP**

**Bridge the gap between the task and the current ability.** Equipping is the first step in facing any difficult task. Without the proper tools or skills, hard things can become impossible. Take an honest look at the challenge at hand and ask "what is required to accomplish this?" The next step is to pursue whatever knowledge, training, equipment, or motivation is required to complete the task.

*"But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded."  
2 Chronicles 15:7*

## **3. PRAYERFULLY STEP BACK**

**Resist the urge to rescue others from every challenge!** In our effort to make other people's lives easier, sometimes we prevent them from learning proper problem solving techniques. Once they have been properly equipped, pray like crazy and allow them to tackle the challenge for themselves. If they look to you to solve the problem for them, encourage them to look to the Lord for strength to give their best effort.

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3*

## 4. PERMIT FAILURE

**Fear of failure holds people back from reaching their God-given potential.** Help young people understand that failure is a part of life and an opportunity to learn. The best way to do this is by modeling it in your own life. When we understand God's grace and mercy in our lives, we have a better perspective on our own shortcomings and can lovingly deal with the mistakes of others. Be sure you don't hold them back from trying things just because you don't think they will succeed.

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."* James 1:2-3

## 5. PRAISE EFFORT, NOT RESULTS.

**Doing hard things can take a lot of physical, mental, and emotional effort.** Sometimes when things don't go how they hoped, discouragement can make them want to quit. Instead of only focusing on finishing the task, acknowledge the effort that went into the initial try. Help them evaluate what went well and what areas they need to be better equipped in order to see improvement on their next try.

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,"* Colossians 3:23

## 6. PRACTICE PERSEVERANCE

**In a world of instant gratification, sticking to a difficult task can be lonely and exhausting.** Be there to offer encouragement and motivation so they realize that while things may not always be easy, sticking to a difficult task is worth it. When tempted to quit, look the Lord for strength and focus on the immediate step ahead. One step at a time, keep moving forward until the goal is reached.

*"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

With the Lord's help, I have been able to do things that I never could have done on my own... like going skydiving, running a race, and climbing a mountain. I've learned that nothing is too big for God. At the Farm, I have the privilege of sharing God's faithfulness and encouraging others to trust the Lord through all circumstances.



*"God doesn't tell you to do hard things so he can stand back and laugh and watch you struggle. He tells you to do things that He knows are gonna work out to your good in the end."*

- Joyce Meyer

# Camp 2017 Highlights



## Camp Theme

*Knighted: Put on the Armor of God*

The camp theme used the passages in Ephesians 6 to encourage campers to put on the Armor of God and stand firm in their faith. Campers learned about the battle between good and evil, surrendering to the Lord, and how to have victory over sin.



## Critter Camp

*Its just the beginning!*

In 2017, MVM launched a new camp called Critter Camp for girls ages 7-10. Campers enjoyed activities like sheering sheep and candling eggs. The plan is to continue to improve and grow this camp for years to come!

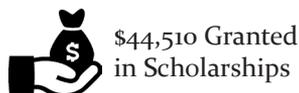
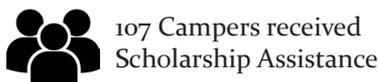


## Special Events

*Fun with a Purpose!*

Thursdays evenings at camp are known for the camp-wide games called the Special Event. A few of this year's themes included Extreme Expedition, Farm Olympics, and Renaissance Fair. The Special Event's goal is to encourage campers and staff to use team work, try new things, and have fun!

Just the Numbers...





# Summer Camp 2018

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Horse Camp! We offer eight weeks of Original Horse Camp along with six other specialty Camps: Horsin' Around, Horsin' Around PRO, Equestrian, Pure Country, Critter Camp, and Insight Camp!

Faith formation is central to the purpose of our summer programs! Activities and relationships provide the backdrop for opportunities to disciple young people and lead them to the savior, Jesus Christ in a real and personal way.



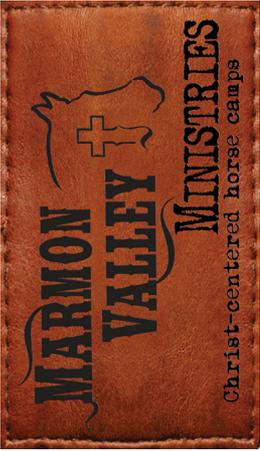
## Spring Youth Weekend

*A week of fun packed into one weekend.*

Three days of horsemanship and Farm fun for kids 7-17 who need a break from the books and a chance to spend some time at camp! Come for the horses, for the friends, and for the fun! Christ-centered devotions throughout the weekend will help re-focus your relationship with the Lord, too!

March 16-18, 2018

Learn more & register for camp online at [marmonvalleyministries.org](http://marmonvalleyministries.org)



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