



THE HAFT

A Christ-centered community offering God's love and truth to refresh, retool, and rebuild individuals, ministries, and organizations.

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News from The Haft

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A View From the Bridge

Our hearts are full of thanksgiving. This has been a season of new beginnings. Months of preparation and hard work are beginning to bear fruit. The Haft has been blessed with many guests and more are expected. We have had small church groups, large family gatherings, volunteer work parties, and people coming for rest and refreshment. Some stay a day or a week or a month or longer. Much progress has been made on refreshing the buildings and grounds and now the harvest is starting to be gathered. The on-site team is growing in number and experience as we work and pray and grow together. We will welcome the Fisher family in January, bringing our on-site team to eight adults and ten children. Our residences will be full until we can build more, and our guest rooms are in steady use. Thank you for your prayers and support as we see the re-born Haft ministry serve the needs of leaders and organizations, to refresh, retool, and rebuild.

We were blessed at the beginning of this journey to have trusted friends come alongside us in leadership. In July, Daniel Swift stepped out of his role as Haft Treasurer and Trustee. Daniel brought significant encouragement and wisdom to us during this period of rebuilding. Daniel continues to serve as a trusted Haft partner, providing input and practical service in our stewardship of the land and its resources.

We thank you for prayers and partnership in offering others The Haft Experience.

Bruce and Joan Boydell

Directors of Ministry and Operations

The Haft Experience

It may be a moment of fresh revelation or a life-transforming breakthrough, resulting from

- ◆ Personally encountering the living God, who speaks and imparts life
- ◆ Facing challenges and opportunities within caring and supportive relationships
- ◆ Being involved in the daily activities of community life
- ◆ Breathing fresh air and restoring physical strength and health
- ◆ Gaining clearer direction and new confidence
- ◆ Experiencing freshly released creativity and productivity
- ◆ Engaging in guided learning experiences and personal coaching



The Haft's mission is primarily directed to leaders, their families, and organizations facing: significant change, sabbaticals and downtime projects, opportunities for growth, broken hearts and shattered dreams, weariness and burn-out, or the need for a little timeout.

Thanksgiving for a Year of Amazing Grace

Building Relationships

- ◆ Three families form the beginning of the on-site ministry team
- ◆ Expansion of the Board with new Trustee Frank Fendler
- ◆ Strong network with Pastoral Renewal Group from Philadelphia area
- ◆ New partnership with Pastor-in-Residence ministry
- ◆ Participation in the Navigators Church Discipleship Ministry 2010 Conference in Colorado Springs because of our relationship with Haft Partners and Navigator Staff Dick and Jeannette Taylor
- ◆ A beautiful memorial service honoring Haft founder, Jean Hart
- ◆ Volunteer work teams and individuals
 - Grace Fellowship Church—North Stonington, CT
 - Chester County, PA friends and neighbors
 - Northrop friends from CT
 - Living Hope Fellowship teens and family
 - Friends and family of Haft Board and On-site Team
 - Local friends and former Haft leaders and residents
- ◆ Contractors, suppliers, service providers



Improving Facilities and Grounds

- ◆ Remodeling and reequipping of Barn kitchen and dining area
- ◆ Refurnishing/remodeling of new lounge area and four Barn guest rooms
- ◆ Completion of Garden Cottage
- ◆ New Haft Memorial Garden with gazebo overlooking pond
- ◆ Vegetation clearing, new trails, refreshed vistas
- ◆ Barn repainting and restoration
- ◆ Replacement of bridge roadbed
- ◆ New front entry area for Shepherds Cottage
- ◆ New firewood storage building
- ◆ New vehicle garage and equipment workshop
- ◆ Preparation of Gatehouse for new residents and ministry use
- ◆ Gazebo overlooking pond

Serving Others

- ◆ Pastor Couples Retreat 2010
- ◆ Woodland Resource Adventure Camp
- ◆ Living Hope Fellowship Youth
- ◆ Numerous guests and visitors
- ◆ Ministering at local churches in Dushore, Overton, Estella

Growing in Grace

- ◆ Overcoming obstacles and challenges
- ◆ Building trust in God and others
- ◆ Experiencing healing and restoration
- ◆ Encountering the love and truth of God in Christ-centered community

Community Life Notes

From the Boydells

This has been a year of amazing change and amazing grace for us. A year ago we could not have imagined our moving back to The Haft after 30 years elsewhere. We're not the same people we were then. It is one thing to cast vision for others to catch onto and live out. It is another thing to see our own response to God's call be the inspiration and encouragement that others need to take steps of faith in what we've come to call "The Haft Experience." The transformations taking place in buildings and grounds are nothing compared to the changes we are seeing in lives transformed by the love and truth of God being lived out in Christ-centered community. We are truly blessed and we extend our blessings and love to you, our precious friends and partners.



BRUCE & JOAN BOYDELL

From the Braun Family

Sasha (16), Benjamin (almost 6), Betsy, Gregg, Martha (9), Elisabeth (15)

It has been almost one year since we moved to The Haft as caretakers. We were the only ones on the property at the time. What a year it has been as we adjusted to the challenges of "country life," a full-time outside job, welcoming others to the on-site team—plus the responsibilities of daily tasks and raising a family. We have been blessed by the close spirit of cooperation and mutual support we have experienced. Sometimes the work is hard and the bi-vocational challenges demanding. Through it all we are experiencing a refreshing and renewing of our souls, even as we desire that for others. We are experiencing a significant measure of what the Apostle Paul speaks of in Philippians 2:2 — "...complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being of full accord and of one mind." We are so full of thanks.



THE BRAUNS

From the Coleman Family

David & Cheryl, Alyssa (8), Jonathan (4)

We are deeply thankful and excited about being a part of what God is doing here at The Haft. There is nothing like serving Jesus in a place like this, making lasting and loving relationships. Our Haft experience has been an awakening experience in many ways! We have enjoyed getting back in touch with the land as farmers. Alyssa and Jonathan have been enjoying their new friendships with the Brauns, Bruce and Joan, and playing outside. At the first of the year, we will be participating in a Pastor-in-Residence program with the support of Living Hope Fellowship. This is a great answer to our prayers as a family and we thank you for your part in making this possible.



THE COLEMANS

From the Fisher Family

Madison (6), MaKayla (2), Elmer, Gabrielle (3 months), Rosa, ShaLyn (7)

While we don't plan to move to The Haft until January 13, we already feel a heart connection to the community there and what God is doing. We hope our experience in the building industry, business administration, and pastoral leadership will contribute to The Haft's mission. We also believe this as an opportunity for our own personal and ministry growth. We sincerely hope that what we gain from our time at The Haft will be a blessing to our large extended family and church community back in Lancaster County, PA. Pray for us as we prepare for our move and the opportunities and changes that lie ahead.



THE FISHERS

Growing Leaders in Crisis

- Scot Magann -

Leaders grow in relationships that challenge them to expand in mutual respect and practical cooperation. Unhealthy relationship patterns can trap us in severe or chronic leadership failure, but a growth crisis can free us and prepare us for dynamic new levels of success.

Part 2. The Cooperation Crisis

God expects us to cooperate with a dynamic team to multiply our individual accomplishments!

Walt had a compelling vision to capture the imagination of children. When he tried to fulfill his vision alone, his creative personality stifled his work. Eventually, Walt asked his nephew Roy for help. Roy was creatively clueless, but he was an organizing mastermind. Together they built a corporation to fulfill Walt's vision. For decades, Walt and Roy competed in a ferocious partnership, but they needed each other, and they knew it. The uncomfortable cooperation between Walt Disney's expansive vision and Roy Disney's precise execution made *Disney* the world's premier entertainment empire for two generations.

Take an honest look at your own heart and life. Are you a *visionary* like Walt, or an *executive* like Roy? Are you floating in the expanse of a thousand creative ideas without the discipline that makes things happen? Are you drowning in the minutiae of a million effective tasks without purpose that makes things meaningful? You need a team that challenges you to expand.

We need a balanced inner circle of *visionaries* and *executives* to complement our leadership. The *visionaries* stretch our imaginations with ambitious goals. The *executives* focus our actions with practical objectives. Unfortunately, *visionaries* and *executives* irritate each other, so we are always tempted to distort our leadership by surrounding ourselves with comforting clones. We can limit the vision or stifle the action of our leadership, but a cooperation crisis forces us to ask this simple question:

Does a team challenge me to extend myself?

If "YES" does not explode from your heart, it may be time to welcome some fresh teamwork. Our worst enemies confuse us with kisses; and our best friends compel us with bruises.

Scot Magann is Senior Pastor of Living Hope Fellowship
and Vice President of The Haft Board of Trustees

A Look Ahead to 2011

We have experienced the wind in our sails this year. Momentum is building and our expectations are high for the coming year. By God's grace we see the:

- ◆ Start of our Pastor-in-Residence program
- ◆ Launch of a new Haft website, on-line donations, new print material
- ◆ 2011 Pastoral Couple Retreat scheduled for April 26-28
- ◆ Construction of a multi-purpose Learning Arts Center and 1-2 guest cottages
- ◆ Modernization of Barn guest rooms and Gate House
- ◆ Completion of a long-range strategic plan for facilities expansion and ministry development
- ◆ One or two community outreach events to serve emerging young leaders and others within our mission target population
- ◆ Creative use of Haft property and outdoor resources for education, spiritual

We Need You

1. Please participate in our Annual Partner Update. See the enclosed response card. If we haven't heard from you in 2010 we will have to consider retiring you to inactive status. We don't want to lose you unless that's your choice.
2. Come yourself or bring a volunteer work team to The Haft.
3. Sow financially along with others already investing in the expansion of The Haft's growth and mission, specific projects, equipment needs, our guest scholarship fund, staff support, and operating costs.
4. Help us spread the word to others who might benefit from The Haft Experience.

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