## Ameys'Annals

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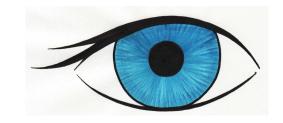


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"You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about." James 5:11 NIV.

Have you ever had to take a break from work due to physical or emotional illness? Sometimes that can feel like a blessing in order

to rest, and sometimes like a curse because there was so much to do. Recently I had cataract surgery. I hadn't anticipated how little I could drive due to the differences



between my operated eye and "normal" eye. I had to be PATIENT. That wasn't easy as I looked at all the ministry events and places at which I "should" have been. But as I realized my "weakness" in this area, God helped me see that I wasn't indispensable and that HIS strength to get through it was all I needed. I wish I could say I just relaxed and let God take me through it victoriously, but that wouldn't be truthful! I still struggled but hopefully learned some good lessons. Now that it seems all the surgeries are done and I'm back to driving, please pray I can keep trusting Jesus to do in me and for me all He wants. I want to listen for His still small voice and the prompting of His Spirit through the Scriptures. Hope you do too!

Our NJ HVMI Banquet on April 22 was well attended. That, along with Handi\*Camp's retreat on March 17-19 were events I DID attend and feel were successful. God blessed and I had a small part in each, as He accomplished what He wanted to in the lives of those who came.

Handi\*Camp 2017 is coming! Later this month we start orientation for our summer staff. Here's a list of the weeks of camp:

Camp Orientation – May 24-28 Camp Sankanac, Spring City, PA

Challengers, Week 1- May 29-June 2 Camp Sankanac, Spring City, PA

Challengers, Week 2- June 5-9 Camp Sankanac, Spring City, PA

Move all supplies to Malaga Camp, Newfield, NJ, June 10.

Bible Conference week 1- June 12-16

Challenger Kids—June 19-23

Conquerors/Voyagers-June 26-30

Bible Conference week 2- July 2-6

Handi\*Camp ends-July 7

## Our programs:

Challengers: Children and teens (ages 9-21) and young adults (ages 21-40) who have intellectual or multiple disabilities (moderate or life skills level).

Adventurers: Youth, ages 9-15, who have disabilities and are working at or near age-appropriate grade levels.

Conquerors: Youth, ages 16-20, who have disabilities and are at or near their peer level socially, emotionally and academically.

Voyagers: Young adults, ages 20-34, who have disabilities and are at or near their peer level socially, emotionally and academically.

Bible Conference: Adults, through age 50, with disabilities. Session 1 especially meets the needs of people (starting about age 35) with physical and/or mild intellectual disabilities who need minimal support for participation. Session 2 is designed for people who are in, or have the potential to be in, college, careers and/or independent living situations.



Prayer/Praise Requests: 1. That H/C would be a blessing to campers and staff alike. 2. That I be the help needed to each one I work with. 3. Weeks 3 &6 I'm teaching Bible Class to the men about Ps. 23. 4. Final preparation before camp, including getting enough staff.