



Investing our Talents

Matthew 25: 20-21 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.

The ministry at True Vine has been steadily growing since it's creation in 2002. For 20 years, God has brought so many people to us, and so many people to Christ at True Vine that we really have no way of counting just how many it is. God has brought countless more to spiritual growth and life-changing decisions through this ministry that it is awe-inspiring to even think about. In our first year we had 13 students for lessons, as compared to the 2021 riding season where we saw 595 students participate in our programs. We give all the praise and glory to Him for this and are just blessed to be His servants carrying out His mission.

In the parable of the Talents the master gives his servants some "talents" and seemingly leaves them to do what they will with it. One servant gets 5, one gets 2, and the last servant gets 1. Upon his return the two servants with 5 and 2 talents gave back double what they were entrusted with, and were praised and blessed by the master. The last servant with 1 talent gave back only what he was given and was cursed for it.

What a fitting image of what is going on at True Vine, we have been entrusted with our talents for 20 years now. We have shown ourselves to be faithful servants and are being entrusted with even more now. The brief history is that True Vine has experienced so much growth over the past few years that we don't have the capacity to handle it. We have expanded all we are able to at our current facility but still have many kids that we can't accommodate and they are stuck on a waitlist. What a blessing but still a little frustrating.

We have a unique opportunity to fix that. We have been offered a property in Mattawan that would allow us to expand to meet all of our current demand plus much more. The property is currently known as Motycka's, it is 26.5 acres and has a 100 x 150 indoor riding facility with 14 indoor stalls. We are very excited because this is much larger than our current property and also has an indoor arena allowing us to move to year-round operations instead of seasonal. God laid True Vine on the heart of the property owner who approached us and asked to sell it to us before listing it for sale to the public. We have currently worked out the details of the sales agreement to purchase the property for \$499,900.00. We have also secured financing and have set a closing date of March 30th 2022. With the purchase we will get all of the existing board business, and a fantastic trainer that operates out of the facility. Just the existing board alone comes to about \$4,000 per month in existing income not to

mention the added benefits we get from expanding our operations, allowing us to share Christ with more people than ever before, and moving to a very convenient location.

Why am I telling you this? Well, while this is a no brainer for us, and I could make this letter into a novel telling you all the things God has already done and doors he has already created and opened to make this work, we need your help. The existing income that we inherit will cover our mortgage payment of \$3,000 per month with no problem, the expansion of our program will cover any additional operating cost with no problem. Part of our financing agreement is that we have to put \$100,000 as a down payment on the property. I am already excited to tell you that we currently have about \$75,000 donated or pledged. God has so richly blessed us through the generosity of people just like you, who seek to honor Him and love our ministry.

Would you please prayerfully consider helping us wisely invest our talents and fund our down payment? We have a little sheet in our office with the following breakdown:

10 Donors at \$5,000

10 Donors at \$2,500

25 Donors at \$1,000

Any number - Cowboy Hat Donors

We are pooling any donations that we receive that are less than \$1000 into the "Cowboy Hat" and will mix and match them to make \$1000 donors. If we get just those 45 committed supporters, we will have raised the entire down payment! Even more exciting, we are almost half way there already!

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and faithful support of True Vine. I know that you probably receive many requests from various organizations and I appreciate your willingness to consider helping us. When you join God and what He is doing at True Vine you can be confident that you are helping to expand His kingdom.

In Christ,

Rob Zantello, Executive Director