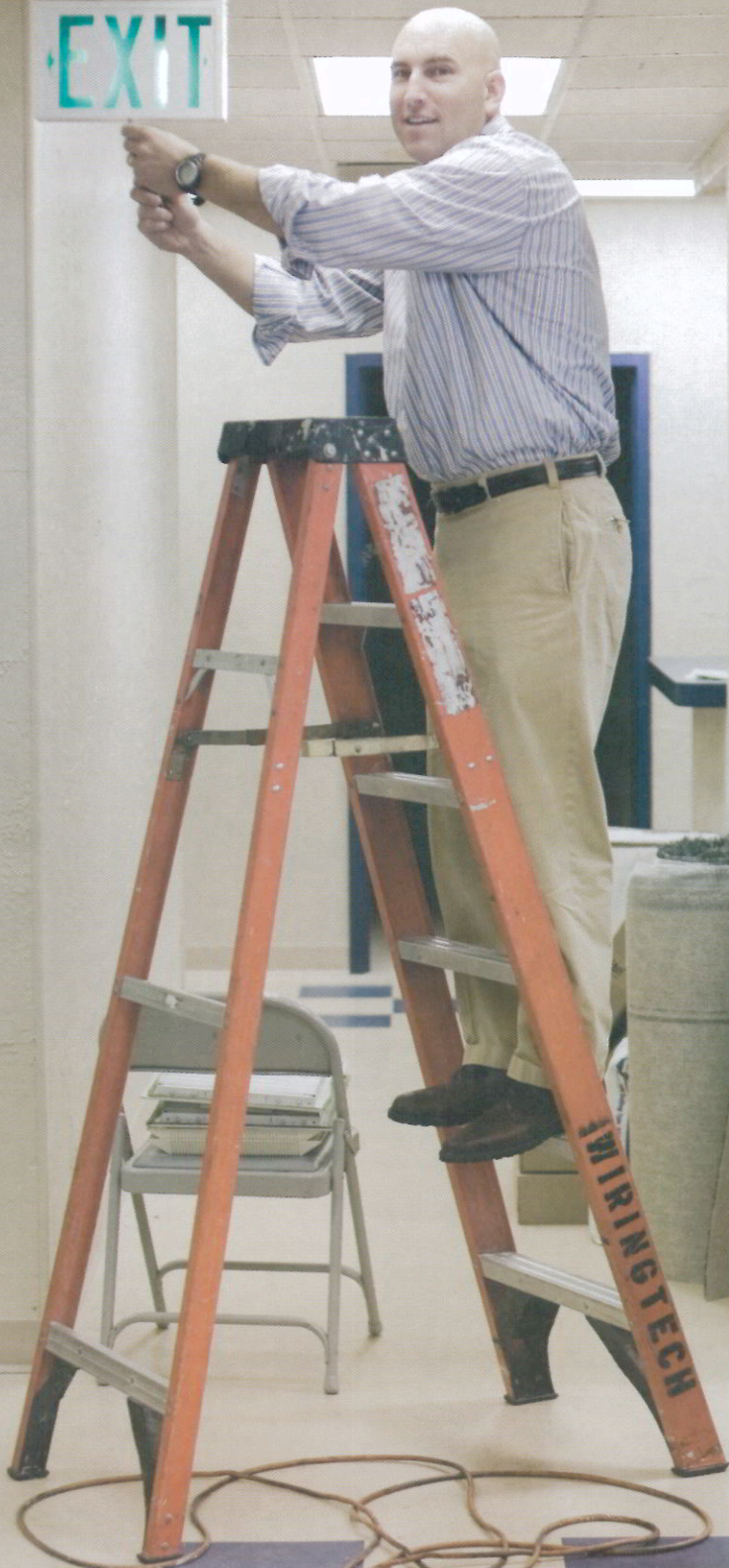


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**DR. MARVIN HARDY**  
*GRACE MEDICAL HOME*

→ **DR. MARVIN HARDY WAS A PEDIATRICIAN** who had the idea to start a comprehensive healthcare facility for Orlando's needy. The plan was to provide pediatric and adult medical services to people who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. It's a noble cause, but a difficult one to start. The costs of opening a medical clinic are astronomical, and the details can be a logistical nightmare.

In October of 2008, Marvin filmed a *Measured in Stories* video. The building looked fine from the outside, but when he took the camera on a tour of the facility's interior, the problems were glaring: paint was peeling and the flooring was worn. There was no wiring for phones and computers. The video revealed the list of all the things that hadn't been done yet—and it was quite long.

None of that dampened the enthusiasm of Marvin, who optimistically explained his vision for Grace Medical Home. "We still have a long way to go," he admitted, while sitting in front of a two-toned wall that really needed a fresh coat of paint. "We have empty exam rooms. We have renovation needs. But we know that God is going to provide. He's brought us this far."

God clearly had to bring Grace Medical Home farther before it was ready to open, and the last year has been a leap of faith for Grace Medical Home. Marvin hired a part-time Executive Director, Heather Layson Brown. "I really didn't want a job," she says with a laugh, "but the next thing I knew, I was helping with the budget."

Marvin and Heather say they have never been discouraged through the yearlong process, but they're often perplexed by God's plan. "You have to realize that it's not

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going to be done on your timetable, or the way you would have it done," says Marvin. "But that worry belongs to God, not to us."

"It's a giant puzzle," agrees Heather. "You just have to sit back and watch what God will do and realize that it's not under your control."

God has brought a steady stream of volunteers to Grace Medical Home to help with the setup. Volunteers have donated everything

from toilets to telephones, often surprising Marvin with their generosity. One Friday morning, a paint crew showed up with donated paint and gave the facility a much-needed facelift.

"The timing has been really amazing," says Marvin. "We can get frustrated day to day about why something isn't coming together. And then when we least expect it, God shows up."

Case in point: Marvin and Heather were looking at a six-figure proposal for software. They prayed for the Lord to provide funds. "The next thing we knew, someone showed up that was willing to contribute what we needed. It's a realization that God's hand is in it."

Grace Medical Home is slated to open in November 2009. "We still have needs," says Marvin. "We'll need a staff and volunteers. There's still a lot to do."

Marvin acknowledges that many people from Summit have volunteered to help. "Please let everyone know that we haven't forgotten about them," he pleads. "As needs arise, we'll be contacting everyone. But we're going to need more help in the future, so if the Lord lays it on someone's heart to help us, I hope they will come forward."

Not that Marvin is too concerned; he believes God will provide in His perfect timing. "It doesn't do any good to worry," he says. "God has brought us this far, He'll continue to provide for us." 🌟

## Measured in Stories on Vimeo

*When someone asks what Summit is trying to accomplish, we have a very simple answer. "We are seeking to be transformed into the image of Christ for the sake of others." That's easy enough to communicate, but it is hard to measure. You can't quantify transformation and grace—numbers, while helpful, never tell the most important stories. Changed lives do. "Measured in Stories" is about lives that God has used Summit to change—and, in turn, has used to change Summit. We don't measure what counts by counting; we measure it in stories.*



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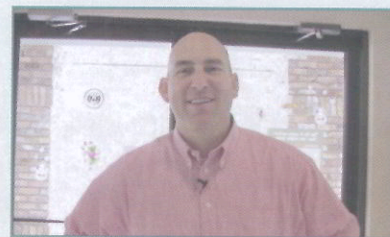
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