



MOMENTS OF
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**“I’m so thankful that
somebody cared!”**

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**A NOTE FROM
Jason
Hynson**



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

– Romans 15:13 *NIV*

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Dear Friend,

Christmas is a time for joy and celebration ... especially for those who know the Lord and welcome Him anew into our hearts at this special time of year. Living with God is worth more than all the gifts money can buy.

Living without God brought much pain to some of our guests. But coming to Victory encouraged them to turn to Him and receive His favor. They no longer face the world feeling oppressed and without hope. God now guides them and lights their way forward.

You helped our hurting neighbors find a bright spark of joy in lives that were darkened by addiction, poverty and abuse. And with your support, they will celebrate the source of their joy this Christmas among people who care about them. People like you. I hope you'll come by Victory this holiday season and share some fellowship.

May the joyful happiness of Christmas be yours. You have cared for those who were trapped on the road to destruction. You lifted the light of Jesus to shine in this place and many responded.

Now they enjoy the favor of the Lord forever.

Thank you, and may God bless you,

Jason Hynson
Executive Director
Victory Mission

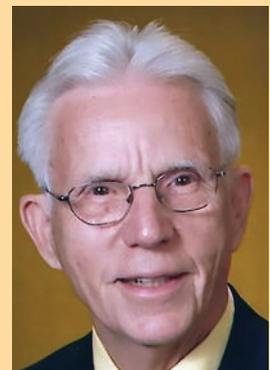


Victory would like to honor long-time Board Member Dean Quillin, who on July 2, 2021, completed his work on Earth, and began his eternal residence with Jesus Christ.

Dean and his wife, Doris, enjoyed over seventy years of marriage and raised two daughters. He was a US Air Force Veteran serving in Top Secret intelligence at various bases in the United States, as well as in Tokyo, Japan, during the Korean War. Dean's devotion to his Christian faith and His Savior, Jesus Christ, was unsurpassed.

Dean served on Victory's Board of Directors from 2010-2018. In this space, he formed deep and lasting friendships with people from all walks of life.

Victory thanks Dean for his service to our country, our organization and all the lives he impacted while he was with us.



Dean Quillin

YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY AND BRIGHT!

It takes more than presents and parties to make a merry Christmas. Your gifts of encouragement, kindness and hope show God's love to our guests in a very real way. We welcome you to come celebrate with us!

Community Meals

Victory Mission hosts free Christmas meals with partner churches. We provide and prepare the food — a traditional meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad and rolls. The churches pick up the food, and together, we serve it to hungry men, women and children. Last year, we served 1,400 meals — will you help this year?



Holiday Food Baskets

Last year, more than 1,200 food baskets were lovingly packed and distributed through our mobile food pantry and to families in need. It's a big job, and we can use more hands. How about yours?

If you can, please drop donations of frozen turkeys and hams at our warehouse, 700 W. Chase St., Springfield, MO 65803.



Gifts for Kids

Kids can't wait for Christmas — and for presents! Children of moms and dads in our Restoration Program get cards with loving messages from their parents, along with brightly wrapped gifts donated by friends like you. You can help by holding a Toy Drive, wrapping gifts or delivering holiday joy to these boys and girls.

Mobile Food Pantry

Many families and individuals in our community experience food insecurity. Victory's Mobile Food Pantry travels throughout the Springfield area to provide food, build relationships and connect people with case managers. Victory Mission provides support and resources that help those in need take the necessary steps for lasting change.

Victory has fed more than 3,777 individuals this year through our Mobile Food Pantry. Your donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food supplies will be a big help this holiday season!



CURRENT LOCATIONS

-  **Central Assembly of God**
1301 N Boonville Ave
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
1pm-2pm
-  **CrimsonHouse Ministries**
1616 N Robberson Ave
1st and 3rd Fridays
10am-11am
-  **Hope & Anchor**
3050 N National Ave
3rd Saturdays
10am-11am
-  **Emmaus Springfield**
1700 S Campbell Ave
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
1pm-2pm
-  **Jefferson Avenue Baptist**
316 E Sunshine St
2nd and 4th Fridays
12-1pm
-  **The Well Church**
720 E Norton Rd
4th Fridays
3:30pm-4:30pm



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Thank you for all you do at the holidays and all year long!

CHARLIE WAS READY FOR WORK ... AND WORKREADY WAS HERE FOR HIM!

After 18 years in the biomedical field, Charlie* was on a solid career track. Then his mother died and his marriage ended, plunging him into depression. Charlie turned to alcohol as a crutch, but it only crippled him. When he was convicted of a DUI, he lost his license, his car, his job and finally, his home.



Hoping for a fresh start, Charlie left Oklahoma for his native Missouri. He soon learned he couldn't just move away from his problems. Without a car or a license, he was unable to find another job as a biomedical technician, and

he was overqualified for other positions. He finally found work in a hardware store, but after paying child support, he had almost nothing to live on.

"I hit rock bottom," Charlie admits. "I honestly just wanted to give up." He was wandering the streets of Springfield with a shopping cart, exhausted and dehydrated, when a stranger offered him a ride to Victory Mission. It was Jason Hynson, the Mission's Executive Director. Charlie didn't want to get Jason's car dirty, so he declined the ride. However, the men prayed together, Jason called to ensure a bed was available and Charlie gratefully accepted directions to Victory.

Here at Victory, Charlie got the fresh start he had hoped for.

He signed up for our new WorkReady BootCamp, which provides strategies and resources for finding and maintaining meaningful work. The program also brings local businesses to Victory to interview men for open positions.

"SRC Electrical came in and I was a perfect fit," Charlie tells us. "They saw my resume, interviewed me and right away made arrangements to talk to me again." On his second interview, Charlie was given a tour of the facilities and offered a position. "The

**Charlie is pictured on our cover, working at SRC Electrical*

WorkReady BootCamp really helped me!"

Now fully employed and living on his own, Charlie has reconnected with his children, 12 and 15 years old. He hopes to see them for the holidays and eventually regain custody of them.

"Everyone deserves a second chance," Charlie says. "I'm so thankful that somebody cared!"

WorkReady BootCamp Fast Facts

- WorkReady BootCamp is offered at no expense to the men staying at our shelter.
- Since mid-June, 33 men have graduated from the week-long training program.
- Of the men who have stayed in contact with us following graduation, 95% have found employment.
- All participants receive free, full-service haircuts courtesy of Hudson Hawk.
- Employment opportunities are provided by SRC Electrical, Walmart, QPS Employment Group, ServePro HydroClean, Affordable Roadside Service, Cardinal Clippings, Clearview Window Cleaning, Metro Appliances and More, Post Environmental Services, Green Station, Panda Express and Oasis Hotel & Convention Center.



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