

Winter 2022

VBCH Co-op

Victory Homeschool Co-op is going great this year! We have over 50 students having a great time learning and growing together. There are many subject matters being taught: Music, Art, Apologetics, Spanish, PE, mechanical aptitude, cooking, LEGOS, and more. Our students are developing friendships and skills that will last a lifetime, and our parents/volunteers are, too. At the bottom of the page is a picture taken back in January; as you can see, they are a good-looking group! Special thanks go out to June Owen, our only volunteer without a child in Co-op! These kids LOVE Mrs. June



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Victory Kids is the place you want to be!

Do you see Jesus throughout the entire Bible? Well, that's what our kids are learning to do. With the Gospel Project, we are making our way through the Bible and identifying Christ in the Scriptures at every turn, and as we do it, we are having tons of fun! Singing, games, demonstrations—we do it all! Over Christmas break we spent a night caroling in the surrounding neighborhoods, and then returned for some hot chocolate and cookies! Our Awana program got to visit the Awana store just before Christmas to

reap the rewards for all their hard work last semester!

Have you seen any new kids running around? I have! We have been blessed to have so many new visitors lately. Our group just keeps growing! We are gearing up for a trip to Defy Trampoline Park as well as other fun things as spring approaches.

If you are looking for a rewarding place to serve, Victory Kids is one of the most rewarding you will find!









It's always a fun time with the Reflect Teens! We have spent the winter months learning and laughing together. Our midweek study continues to take us through the book of Genesis, exploring every detail and explaining how the Bible works together as a whole. Over the Christmas break we enjoyed a night filled with fun Christmas activities, a night of caroling in the nearby neighborhoods, and a night to just come hangout and continue to get to know each other better. As spring approaches, we are gearing up for Spring Break, Defenders Conference, and Arkansas Youth Conference.

If you would like to know more about any of these events or our youth ministry, just come check us out! There is always room for more!



CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall continues to help the foster families not only in Pulaski County but other nearby counties. We are open and ready to help whomever has needs for their foster children.

The Toy Drive was very successful, and at our Santa Shop on Saturday, December 4, we were able to serve around 40 families! They were able to pick out two major toys per child, and then we had a lot of toys that could be stocking stuffers. We also gave out several gift cards. We had a new addition to our Santa Shop, and that was the opportunity for the parents to have their gifts wrapped for them. Several took advantage of that service. Thank you to all who came that day from the church family to help make it a successful day for all!





There have been many donations of clothing and children's items made over the last several weeks from the community and church family! We had a donation of diapers and a large quantity of wipes from Cornerstone Church in Sherwood. We were also blessed by Mike and Linda Patterson with a donation of diapers and new underclothing for all ages. Thank you all so much for those blessings!



God has been good to the foster families through the CALL Mall at Victory by allowing us to share all the new and gently used items that are brought into the Mall! Thank you all for supporting the CALL! We love you!!



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MDO: Mother's Day Out

MDO had a Christmas Program in early December, and it was a lot of fun! It's always interesting to see what a group of preschool-age children will do on stage! This group did not disappoint—some had to be coaxed onstage, some proudly showed off their festive outfits, some stood shyly and didn't move, and some were quite enthusiastic! Afterwards, everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and homemade cookies. (Thanks to everyone who provided cookies; they were delicious!)

Each month the MDO classes focus on a different color, animal,

and Bible virtue. They hear Bible stories and verses that highlight the virtue of the

month. Each class has daily activities and



crafts, some of which are keepsake items for parents. We have been blessed with wonderful

teachers who show God's love to each of the children in their class!



New Members



Anne Chaffin has been a member of the ladies Wisdom Seekers class for a few years.

Allie is Courtney Swilley's sister, and after moving to this area, she and Logan have been regular visitors.

When you see Anne, Allie, or Logan, be sure to let them know we're glad to have them as part of our Victory family!



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WINGS: Women IN God's Service

Wings is truly thankful for the generous hearts of Victory people. We were able to send \$900 from our Pumpkin Decorating contest to Janice Williams in Houston, TX. They were able to have a pizza party and add items in backpacks for 27 children for Christmas. In addition, we were able to send \$300 to each of our missionary wives, Summer Knight, Angelah Lambert, and Janice Williams.

We prepared Christmas goodie bags for our 20 shut-ins with perpetual scripture calendars, homemade Christmas cookies, a mask, and a poinsettia.

Please continue to mark donations to WINGS and put them in the offering plate or give them to Jennifer Key.

We're working on our project list for 2022 and would encourage all ladies of Victory to join in and be a part of this wonderful group of ladies.

We want to thank all who helped with the making of homemade soup and cookies and delivering to our Super Seniors. Jennifer Key was our top chef making the soup. Her helpers were Beverly Skarda, Cynthia Phillips, Debbie Pennington, Dena Wenzler, Miranda Raines, Peggy Hallmon, Annette Pennington, Carole George and Tony Green. Our extra delivery drivers were Bob Pennington, Joe Owen, and Jason and Lydia Burke. Special thanks to June Owen for creating beautiful bouquets for our shut-ins. It was a great day! Hearts and tummies were warmed by the soup on a cold day. We're so thankful God watched over and blessed this project. What a blessing it was to be able to visit with these sweet Victory people!





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RIM: Remote Island Ministries

RIM has been busy dealing with many different things recently—sickness, storms, and sailing preparations, to name a few. Thankfully, the storms were minor compared to the one last April that caused so much damage to the *Nativa*!

In December, they said goodbye to a longtime crewman, Tony Cierva. Tony had a stroke the end of November and did not recover. Tony's wife and children will miss him, and so will RIM. Bro. Glen said Tony "was a strong man, a valuable crew member, and one of our faithful men in the mission." Please pray for Tony's family.

After many months of planning and preparation, the *Nativa* set sail and dropped anchor in Sarong Harbor on January 21! They had several additional crewmen—Indonesian men who delivered a tugboat from Batam and couldn't get home due to Covid restrictions. RIM was happy to provide passage for them. Another passenger was Selfianas Kapisa. Selfianas, from West Papua, was fishing alone off the island where he lives when his motor failed. After drifting for 28 days, he washed up on Tobi Island in December. Bro. Glen was asked to take him home, which he was happy to do! A few days after arriving in Indonesia, officials from his home came to escort Selfianas back home. Selfianas has been reunited with his family by now! *Continued on next page*













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RIM, continued

Bro. Glen is happy to welcome two of the men who made the voyage with them from Palau, John and Jacobus, to the *Nativa* crew! They will each spend several days with family before returning to the *Nativa*.

Brent, Tammi, Hudson, and Mila finally joined Bro. Glen, Summer, and Juli on February 18! They are all so happy to be together after months of planning, traveling, and waiting!

Repairs on the *Nativa* have also begun. She has been cleaned, sandblasted, and repainted. Several dented areas need to be straightened

or replaced. Some of the chains will be replaced. At the time of this publication, some of these repairs are still ongoing; please pray that all repairs will be completed quickly and successfully!

For more details about RIM and detailed videos showing and explaining the *Nativa's* repair processes, follow Glen Knight and Summer Knight on Facebook. You can also read Bro. Glen's newsletters on our website, victory1st.com, under the "Missions" tab.



