



Winter 2023

Candlelight Service

We had a wonderful Candlelight Service in December! The choir, accompanied by the orchestra, and the Youth Band each sang several songs, and the Worship Room was full of church members and visitors. Bro. Matthew invited the children on the stage to help him present the Christmas story. It was a sweet service that reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas!



MBSF: Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship

On February 16, the church van was loaded with seven crockpots of soup, several desserts, and headed to Arkadelphia to deliver the meal to the MBSF students. MBSF is a ministry that encourages students in their walk with Christ while they are at college. One way Daniel Ward, the Arkadelphia MBSF director, does that is to arrange for churches to provide a free meal to the students several times a month.

Thanks to everyone who made soup and/or dessert for these students; they loved it!

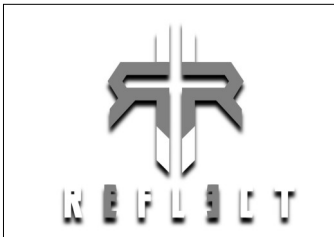




Criteria for being a Victory Kid:

- Have fun!
- Build towers!
- Dance!
- Have more fun!
- Sing!
- Study the Bible!
- Shoot a Nerf gun!
- Memorize verses!
- Did I mention HAVE FUN?!





Branson trip, game night, Wednesday services; you name it, we did it, and had a blast!!



CALL Mall: Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime

The CALL Mall held its annual Toy Drive for the Santa Shop during the month of November. Many toys were donated, and we were able to buy more with donations from church members and the money we made from our yard sales this past year. The Mall also received a \$2,000 donation from Riggs Caterpillar, \$300 from Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and \$150 from Jacksonville Wastewater where Wendy, our church bookkeeper works. Thank you to all for your gracious support for the foster children through the CALL Mall!! Santa and Mrs. Claus were able to be there for the Santa Shop! Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas! Overall, we were able to serve around 40 families!



Since Christmas, we have had a few donations of clothing and other children's items. We received several donations the weeks after the ice storms. I think



people decided to clean out closets while they were stuck indoors! If you know of someone who needs to find a place to send children's and

teens' items, send them our way! We appreciate those! We did receive a donation of diapers from BABY TO BABY in Maumelle that was distributed by The CALL in Little Rock.

It's getting close to spring, so on Saturday, February 25, we plan to change winter clothing to spring and summer clothing.

Would you believe that the Sherwood CALL Mall has been in our church since 2010??!! Mischa Martin and her mother, Linda Patterson, started it in a room in the Sunday School building behind the former church building! That was 13 years ago! God has blessed so many foster families through this ministry and the volunteers who have worked it over the years! I have a binder full of sign-in sheets dating back to 2010. I know I have been blessed when I see and talk to these parents taking care of and loving on these children who have been through such traumatic times! May God bless these parents and children!!

MDO: Mother's Day Out

The children and teachers at MDO are staying busy!



VBCH Co-op

We were ready to see our co-op friends after being off for about six weeks! The students have had a lot of fun with crafts, music, projects, discussions, and just hanging out!



RIM: Remote Island Ministries

After visiting the states for two months, Glen, Summer, and Juli made it back to Palau in late December. They enjoyed their stateside visit, but they are happy to be back home!

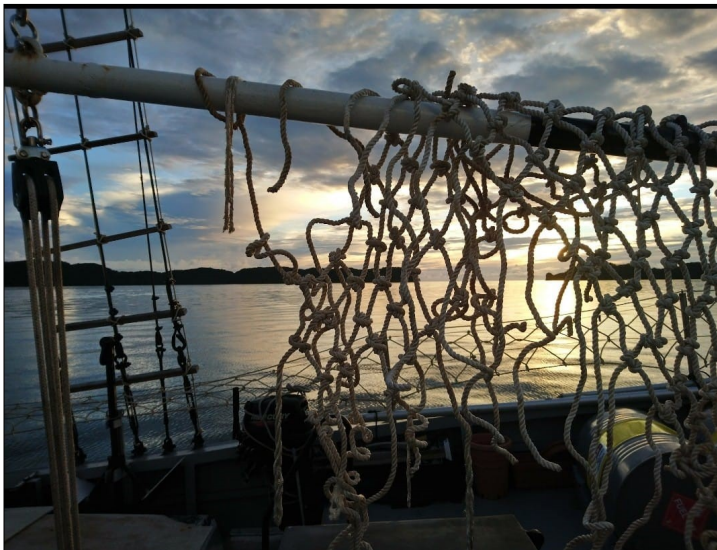
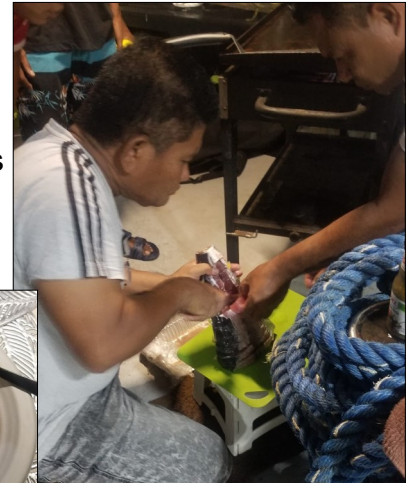
Since they didn't have a crew when they visited the states, the *Nativa* was put in cold layup. That's not healthy for a ship for an extended period of time—ten weeks—and Bro. Glen knew there might be problems when they brought her out of cold layup. And there were! An electrical circuit wasn't working properly, and there was an oil leak in the main engine that wasn't there when they left. After several weeks of investigation and work, the problems were diagnosed and repaired, and the *Nativa* is once again ready for the open sea!

Soon after the Knights returned to Koror, their friends had a welcome home party for them. They enjoyed plenty of local dishes, including fresh fish, vegetables, and fruit. The feast was delicious, and the fellowship was even better!

Plans for upcoming voyages are under way. Several people have sent word asking when RIM will visit them again. Bro. Glen is just as eager to make the trip to see them as they are for him to do so! Please pray for a good crew for the *Nativa* so they can get underway as soon as possible!

Near the end of January, they had a lot of rain, about one foot in three or four days. They used the time to work on the boat. While the rain limits activities and changes plans, it is also something to be thankful for, as it provides fresh water and keeps the islands green.

In February, the Knights made a trip to the Philippines. While there, they visited with friends they hadn't seen in a long time at the seminary in Bacolod City. When they returned to Palau, the *Nativa* was returned to her anchorage in Malakal Harbor from the marina where she was kept while the Knights were in the States and the Philippines. They are eager to start their next voyage to Indonesia!



WINGS: Women IN God's Service

Over 45 ladies attended the Ladies Christmas party on Saturday, December 3, and raised over \$1,200.00 for our three missionary wives and our guest speaker, Megan Hadley. We had a great time and wonderful food! It was so nice to re-instate this party and fellowship with the ladies of Victory and friends! Thanks to everyone who decorated a table for the party!

In December, WINGS, Jason and Tara Burke, and the 6th graders delivered Christmas packages and a poinsettia to each of our shut-ins. The packages included a 2023 calendar and hook, bowl cozy, bread, candy, prayer patch with card, prayer cards, and homemade Christmas cards from the 6th graders.

On February 4, WINGS prepared over 90 pints of vegetable soup to take to our Victory Super Seniors. Thanks to Jennifer Key for being our chef to make the soup! Helpers and delivery drivers were: Beverly Skarda, Bob and Eula Broadway, Carole George, Carolyn Hanks, Colette Green, Jennifer Key, Joe and June Owen, Kristina Adams, Peggy Hallmon, and Annette Pennington. Special thanks to Stella Adams for making Valentine hearts for each sack and to Jason and Tara Burke and some of the 6th graders who helped visit and deliver on Sunday. It was a great day, and we had a lot of wonderful visits with our Senior Saints! Remember to return the jar and ring so we can use them again! If you need someone to pick them up, call Annette at 501-944-2157.

We will have the Men's Chili Cook-Off in March to help raise money for the Kim and Janice Williams for their Christmas party for inner city kids in Houston. In October we sent \$1,200.00 and they were able to give backpacks full of items to 25 kids, plus \$10.00! They served Chick-Fil-A at the party. Janice Williams thanked Victory Church so much for loving and helping their children. For some of the kids, this was the only Christmas they had this year.

WINGS meets on the second Sunday of each month. We welcome all ladies to join us as we discuss our existing projects, and we are always looking for new ideas for our Super Seniors. These are some of the ways that WINGS serves: we support three missionary wives, Angellah Lambert, Summer Knight, and Janice Williams, with \$50.00 each month; we send \$20.00 to each child at the Texarkana

Children's Home on their birthday; we give money to the CALL, CARE, and MDO. This year we were able to help four families with a love offering. Our special Super Senior projects were soup in February, fruit in August, and BBQ chicken sandwiches in October. We try to remember our shut-Ins in April and December.

Thanks to everyone who helps support WINGS and our projects as we serve the Lord!





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