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# Victory Sports



**Gold – God's Glory**  
**It is all about HIM!**

**Black – (Darkness)**  
**Man's Sin**  
**We're born to sin.**

**Red- Jesus' Blood**  
**Covers our sins**  
**Movie "The Passion"**

**White – Cleansing**  
**2 Cor. 15:57**  
**New Creation**

**Green – GROW!**  
**G- go to God in Prayer**  
**R- read the Bible**  
**O- obey God**  
**W- witness**  
**(Go TELL)**

*"I am the vine; you are the  
branches. If a man remains in  
me and I in him, he will bear  
much fruit; apart from me you  
can do nothing."  
John 15:5*

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## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Victory Sports!

Happy Birthday to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 15:57 "But thanks be to God! HE gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Victory Sports Outreach (VSO) completed its fourth full year of sports leagues this past fall. Closing ceremonies for fall sports were held on October 24. Flint Hill Baptist Church fed each team, and the plan of Salvation was shared during team parties. Approximately 2000 people heard the Gospel on this special day. Each participant received a trophy, Bible (new participants), Victory Sports t-shirt, and Victory Sports wristband. The fall season, with approximately 450 children, included soccer, cheer, ultimate Frisbee, disc golf, and Conquer League kickball (special needs league). Even though the weather did not cooperate with the scheduling of practices, games, pictures, and closing ceremonies, we ended up having a wonderful season! We would like to thank the VSO Board, Victory Sports leaders, coaches, devotion leaders, players, parents, and Flint Hill Baptist Church for another successful season.

## Mission Opportunities

This past fall was full of opportunities to share the Gospel, as well as what has been going on within the ministry. We were invited to Buffalo, NY, November 14-18, for the area Baptist association's "On Mission Celebration". Other North American missionaries, as well as international missionaries home on furlough, also joined us. We shared how VSO uses sports to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and we also encouraged others to use the passions and gifts that God has given them to share the Gospel message. Pastor Bill Smith and his wife Marion, from New Buffalo Community Church, welcomed us into their home during our visit to Buffalo.

We were honored to represent VSO in Columbia, SC, during the South Carolina Baptist Convention, as well as Anderson University's Mission Fair, in Anderson, SC, during the month of November. We also traveled to Thomasville, NC, to speak at a Christian club geared towards youth.

VSO had the wonderful opportunity to be on mission with **Operation Thanksgiving Turkey**, led by Ken and Gloria Ramaley of Catch-a-Fire Ministry. This special event was hosted by First Baptist Church of Fort Mill, SC. Many families were encouraged to "adopt" a turkey for \$20, which included a smoked turkey a bag of groceries for a Thanksgiving meal, and a New Testament Bible. Families were then enlisted to deliver approximately 280 turkey dinners to those in need this Thanksgiving. Volunteers also helped prepare and smoke the turkeys which involved staying up all night for many. On a side note, a new friend we met during our visit to NY flew down to join us!

## Christmas Basketball Camp & Winter 2010 Fall Sports

VSO will offer a basketball camp during Christmas break, December 28-31. Visit our website for more information.

Victory Sports Basketball and Cheerleading Leagues will begin its 5<sup>th</sup> season in January. Practices begin on January 4. Closing Day will be held on February 27. On-line registrations are accepted on the VSO website. We are looking forward to partnering with Sisk Memorial Baptist Church and Fort Mill Church of the Nazarene for the upcoming season.

### Prayer Requests:

Van Ministry- We anticipate at least 40 children and youth needing assistance for winter sports leagues. Pray for volunteers to help with this important ministry. Pray for the coordinator, Laura Petrie, as she organizes this important ministry.

VSO Board, leadership, devotion leaders & coaches- Pray for these volunteers up in prayer as they serve this winter season.

Winter programs- please pray for VS winter sports leagues as we begin practices the week of Jan. 4.

Victory Sports Aiken- Pray for Michael & Valerie Zelinski as they coordinate their 2<sup>nd</sup> season of basketball at Shiloh Baptist Church in Aiken, SC.

Devotional Writer- Pray for Donja Lisk as she continues to write devotions for VSO each season using the gifts God gave her to His Glory.

### Praise Reports:

Greg will celebrate one year of FULL TIME ministry with VSO in January! Thank you!!



## Victory Sports Fall Fundraisers

We would like to thank the Victory Sports Golf tournament committee for organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual VSO Golf Tournament in memory of Shirley Tabb, which was held on September 25. This group raised over \$10,000 for VSO! A special thank you also goes out to the Brooks/Chassereau Sunday school class of First Baptist Church Fort Mill for volunteering their time during the tournament.

We would like to thank Faith Dority, from Brooks/Chassereau Sunday school class, who organized The Victory Walk, which was held on September 12. Twelve families participated in this event as they set up their own Victory Walk websites and then sent emails to family and friends for donations to Victory Sports. Over \$5,700 was raised! We would also like to thank the families who set up websites, as well as to those who donated towards this event.

A special thank you to the Brooks/Chassereau Sunday school class for adopting VSO!!!

## Summer 2010 Family & Youth Mission Opportunities

VSO will partner with First Baptist Church of Fort Mill, SC, on mission to Mullins, SC, June 20-25. We will conduct a sports camp during the morning and offer VBS during the afternoon. This mission trip will be very similar to our partnership with St. George, SC. Leaders in the Mullins and Marion area are very excited about this opportunity!

Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. George, SC, sports camp/VBS mission trip scheduled for July 25-30. Help will be needed for organizing VBS crafts for both trips.

Consider joining us for summer missions in 2010! Please visit our website for other mission opportunities.

The Lord continues to send many ministry opportunities! Greg is the Chaplain of the Winthrop University baseball team, and he just completed a Bible Study for the fall semester with a group of players. Bible studies will start back after Christmas break, as well as devotionals on Sunday mornings before home games. We have been asked to speak for a coaches and wives retreat in the near future. As many of you know, Greg coached high school sports for 15 years before resigning to go with VSO. We both have felt led to minister in this area, so this is an answer to prayer. Greg was asked to perform his first baptism on December 6 for the Russell family. Craig, Bess, and Ashlee came to know the Lord through Victory Sports! Needless to say, Greg was overwhelmed to join in the baptism of this amazing family.

We would like to send our love and condolences to Matt Thompson's family in Columbus, Ohio. Matt's father, David Thompson, passed away on November 17. We met Matt at Kids Camp in Ohio this past June, where we served as a missionary family, and we became instant friends. Matt and his family quickly became a part of the Victory Sports family. Matt joined us on mission in St. George, SC, this past summer and traveled back in October to join us for closing ceremonies. Memorials for Mr. Thompson were sent to VSO.

Everyone has something going on. It could be a job loss, financial struggle, health, or family issue. Take the time to truly ask someone how he or she is doing, and be willing to lend an ear to listen. We all need to be the hands, feet, and ears of Jesus.

### To God Be The Glory during the Christmas Season!

God loves you and so do we!

The Pendarvis Family

Greg, Mia, CG, Gracie, Cody, and Christopher

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