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# Victory Sports

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**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. 15:17**  
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*

## WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

**First of all, it is all about God!**

**We thank 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!"**

As of January 16, 2009, our family stepped out in faith to go full-time with Victory Sports Outreach (VSO). We were commissioned as Mission Service Corps (MSC) with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) on May 18, 2009, in Jackson, Mississippi. It has been an unbelievable journey. Our family serves alongside many dedicated volunteers with the common goal of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through sports.

Greg Pendarvis, Director of Victory Sports, has been married to Mia, Ministry Coordinator, for 18 years. They have been blessed with 4 wonderful children; C.G. (16~August 23), Gracie (14~December 16), Cody (13~March 18) and Christopher (9~January 31) who love the Lord and love being on mission serving in all aspects of the ministry.

If you are reading this, you are either family or friends that we wanted to share what has been going on with the history, the mission, and the vision of VSO. If you have never heard of Victory Sports, we hope you enjoy reading what God has done over the past few years. Some of you signed up on the VSO website for our Newsletter and have been waiting to get the first one. Here it is!

It really started 8 years ago when Greg went to Israel to conduct a baseball camp (August 3-10, 2001, a month before 9/11, where he saw a suicide bombing August 8). Two and ½ years later, Greg would resign from coaching baseball, something he had done for 16 years and had planned to do for 40 years. God had a different plan. He continued to teach the next 4½ years as the ministry continued to grow.

If you would like to read more about VSO and our personal testimonies, visit our website, [www.victorysportsoutreach.org](http://www.victorysportsoutreach.org).

## OUR MISSION

VSO was established in 2004 with the following mission –

To use sports to share the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus Christ by doing the following:

1. Educate and train churches on sports outreach
2. Visit schools and minister to the coaches, their wives, and students
3. Coordinate and lead Sports leagues, camps, clinics, and tournaments
4. Coordinate and go on mission trips
5. Partner with other Christian organizations

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Cor. 5:17*



Greg and Mia  
Commissioned on May 18, 2009  
in Jackson, Mississippi



All players become missionaries as they receive a Victory t-shirt, a Victory bracelet, a Bible for new Players, and a trophy. (all with 1 Cor. 15:57)

## History

After beginning in 2004, Victory Sports started its first basketball season with 80 players in the winter of 2006. In three years, our sports leagues have grown from 80 players (winter '06) to over 510 players (spring '09). Unlike other leagues in the area, **VSO does not turn away players or have a waiting list – all are welcome. Due to this policy, close to 20% of our players are on scholarship**, children who come from single parent homes as well as families going through tough economic times.

Victory Sports offers three seasons: fall (soccer, cheer, ultimate Frisbee, disc golf, and special needs kickball), winter (basketball and cheer) and spring (baseball, girls' volleyball, flag football, ultimate Frisbee and special needs baseball). Devotions are shared at the end of each practice, and the Gospel is presented during each game using the Salvation colors (one color per week with a complete message on Closing Day). Donja Lisk, co-founder of On Angels Wings Ministries, has written Victory Sports devotions for the past eight seasons.

VSO uses the five colors to the left throughout the ministry to share the Gospel. We use colored balls for each sport, and each participant in VSO leagues and camps are given a five-colored Victory Sports bracelets. We have sent the Salvation message with Victory bracelets and colored balls to numerous countries including Brazil, Nicaragua, China, Belize, India, and Trinidad Tobago.

VSO began a van ministry in the spring of '08. This ministry averages 40 participants per season with full scholarships. A special needs program, Conquer League, was established in the spring of '09 (fall – kickball and spring- baseball).

*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors (Victorious) through Him who loved us. Roman 8:38*

The last three summers have been filled with missions across the state, throughout the country (GA, AL, MS, Ohio, and PA), as and well as overseas (Ukraine and Jamaica). We have met new friends who are excited about using sports outreach in their area.

Greg is starting his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Chaplain for the Winthrop Eagles Baseball Team. He leads a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings and leads Chapel for home games on Sundays.

Victory Sports has been established in two other areas. Lake Norman Lutheran Church (Denver, NC) started a Ultimate Frisbee League in the spring of 2008, and Shiloh Baptist Church (Aiken, SC) started a Basketball League in winter 2008.



Amanda Scott sharing game day devotions

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

## Vision

The vision of Victory Sports is to continue to grow in our area, around SC, around the country, and around the world. We pray others realize that sports are an international language that can be used to share the Gospel. We pray others will see that no matter what their passion is, they can use it so share the hope, peace, and love of Jesus Christ.

We ask that you would prayerfully consider becoming a Victory Sports partner to help us continue being an Acts 1:8 ministry. Please share with your family, friends, Sunday school class, and church.

The Brooks/Chassereau SS class (our class at FBCFM) has adopted VSO as their ministry. The class is currently running two fundraisers to help the ministry. You can contribute to the Victory Walk held on Sept. 12 by going to [www.victorywalk](http://www.victorywalk). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Victory Sports Golf Tournament held on Sept. 25. Email [vso@comporium.net](mailto:vso@comporium.net) if you are interested in participating in the tournament or becoming a hole sponsor.

## Summer '09 Recap

This summer was unbelievable! As we have seen the two prior summers, God moved in a mighty way throughout the summer as we took several mission trip and camps all over SC, the US, and Jamaica.

It started out with a VBS/Sports Family Mission trip to Brunswick, GA as we partnered with our home church, FBCFM, and Sisk Memorial Baptist. We did 3 VBS locations in the morning, a sports camp in the afternoon, and an evening VBS. Several youth from Fort Mill and folks from Brunswick came to know Christ. As you usual, other youth led people to Christ for the first time. We met a wonderful family, the Brenner family, who is doing sports outreach in Brunswick. We have been in contact with them to discuss what we can learn from one another.

Marsha Burch sharing a Bible Story at Brunswick, GA

Our family was the featured missionaries at Kids' Camp in Senecaville, Ohio. We gave morning devotions, shared at the evening services, and made wonderful contacts, including another gentleman, Matt Thompson, who wants to start Victory Sports Soccer in Columbus, OH. Our 3 oldest (CG, Gracie, and Cody) were camp recreation counselors and Christopher participated. It was awesome to watch God use our family as Light in another state.

The theme was GLOW – GOD LIGHTS OUR WORLD!

We also drove to Altoona, PA to share at a church.

FBCFM youth attended Student Life in Toccoa, GA, where CG, Gracie, and I were devotion leaders or assistants. Cody also attended. We met youth from all over the Southeast, again building relationships. More of our youth came to know Christ and/or came to realize they needed to surrender their lives to Christ to truly make a difference. We have already seen the fruits.

Unfortunately we brought the swine flu back home. Two of our children caught it, so our family was quarantined for a week. This also led us to cancel two mission opportunities. Our church cancelled the Palmetto Sports Camp, which was our fourth year. We certainly asked Why? We cancelled a mission trip to Jamaica the following week. Again, Why God, Why? Answer to come.

For the third summer, we held a VBS/Sports Camp in St. George and Harleyville, SC (Greg's hometown). We took 60 from Fort Mill to run the camp. We partnered with 2 churches from Aiken and several from that area. We ate and slept at Old St. George Baptist Church. Awesome fellowship. Matt Thompson from Ohio flew down to check things out and run the soccer camp. He gave a sermon on Wednesday (Isaiah 6: 1-8) about whom shall I send. Send me. Six youth stood up to commit to full-time missions (CG was one of them. He has said China since he was 4). Hallelujah! More youth surrendered their lives to grow closer to God. Almost 50 children prayed to receive Christ.

Back to the Jamaica question, "Why?" Within two weeks, Stephanie Barfield, our Acteens' leader, felt the urge to get the girls to Jamaica that missed the first trip. Wow is God Good!

Our group (5 adults and 6 youth) went to a different part of Jamaica where we held VBS at two orphanages for the week. We went to Blossom Garden in the morning (babies to 8 yr olds). We had VBS with the children and held/played with the babies (one lady in charge of 15 babies). We went to Garden Hall (youth) in the afternoon. Many acted as if they had little hope. It broke our hearts as we quickly built relationships with all of them. If anyone is interested in adoption, please let us know.

We ended up staying in a hotel, all God's plan, where we witnessed to the desk staff (because of reservations issues and Mrs. Stephanie Christ-like attitude), the wait staff (all ended up getting and wearing Victory bracelets), as well as the guests from around the world (unbelievable stories). Amazing!

Our driver for the week, Mr. Simon Hill, a true humble servant of God took us to his church on Sunday. The sermon was "GOD IS AMAZING!" Powerful two hour service! Imagine that.

By the way, if we had gone two weeks before, none of this would have happened.

We're glad we serve a Mighty God and that He is in control of everything!



### 2009

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### Jamaica 2009

Put a smile on your face and make the world a better place!





Check out our Website:  
www.victorysportstoutreach.org

Email us at [vso@comporium.net](mailto:vso@comporium.net)

Please consider becoming a  
VSO partner.

Please share with your family,  
friends, SS class, and church.

Prayer Requests:

† Van Ministry- we are  
in the process of getting  
our fall season van ministry  
started. Pray for God's  
direction in the organization  
of this ministry. Praise for  
answered prayers for volunteer  
drivers!

† Fall Season- pray for  
the ministry and the many  
volunteers who are sharing  
the Gospel during practices  
and games. Lift up each  
participant, family, coach,  
and devotion leader.

† Pray for our family to  
remain focused on God's  
call in our lives to Know  
and Do His Will.

If you are interested in becoming  
a prayer partner, please email us  
at [vso@comporium.net](mailto:vso@comporium.net). Specific  
prayer requests and praises are  
shared with our prayer team each  
month.

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## We would love to come and share what God has done and is doing with the ministry and our family. Any place, anytime, anywhere!

We would love to come and share our personal testimonies, about VSO, or mission trips.

Greg is available to come and speak on the following sermons:

Are You Using Your Passions to Share the Passion of Christ?

Whose Team are YOU on?

LIFE? - A sermon for youth and adults about such topics as divorce, suicide, school, choices, etc.

Saul to Paul (Greg's personal testimony).

### God Loves You And So Do We!

Victory Sports and the Pendarvis Family  
Greg, Mia, CG, Gracie, Cody, and Christopher



Featured missionaries at OHIO KIDS' CAMP, Senecaville, Ohio (June 2009)

Please check appropriate boxes and mail in and/or email us.

- I will pray for Victory Sports and your family.
- I would like to be on the prayer team.
- I am very interested in Sports Outreach for our area.
- I would like to receive Newsletter by mail or email
- I would like to give financially to VSO:

One time gift \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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2009 St. George/Harleyville Mission Team