



The Victory Journey 2026

Appreciating our Partners as we continue our work toward Self-Sustainability



Corinth Baptist Youth Group

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Jesse Reed



John Ferguson



Victory House



Wilbur Rundle | A New Life Beyond the Victory House!

Wilbur has been learning that the path to a new life involves dedication and consistency. For more than two years, he's showed up and done the hard things every single day. Wilbur is now both a graduate of the required court system program and the Victory House program. Following the saying "If you want to build a house, first help someone else build theirs," Wilbur has been working in his off-work hours to help construct a home for friends. Now it's his turn. Wilbur recently began clearing land for his own home!

We are so happy for all Wilbur has done, and continues to do, to make the most of his life, finding the purpose God has for him. Congratulations, Wilbur!



Jesse Reed | Making the Most of The Opportunity to Learn and Grow

Jesse came to Victory House a few short months ago, with a deep desire to change his life. He has accomplished many goals while in the program including working to get his court case resolved, regaining his driver's license, and making personal changes that better align with the man he wants to be in Christ. As a part of his journey, Jesse chose the ultimate act of obedience to his faith and was recently baptized.

Jesse is currently an acting apprentice for Victory Welding center with goals to pursue a permanent role in that area. We are excited to see all you continue to accomplish, Jesse!



John Ferguson | The Courage to Begin Again

John spent some time at Victory House in 2025 and left to pursue an opportunity that he'd wondered about for many long years. This involved working with the court system to ensure he continued to follow requirements for moving across the country. Establishing new connections and searching for employment in a new place, and sticking with his plans for a new life. When John found himself in the position of realizing that the move wasn't ultimately in his best interest, he made perhaps the hardest, most humble choice of all - to contact Jason and Jessica and ask if he could come back to Victory House. Another month of arrangements later, and John has rejoined the Victory House, gotten a job at a local business and continued his study of what God has for his life. We are so proud of you, John!

The Role of Testimony in Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery, is a faith-based framework for overcoming hurts, habits and hang-ups. An important component of the Victory House program, participation in CR is a program requirement. Trevor Barker, a former VH participant, leads the group which consists of community support, learning and the testimonies of current and former VH program participants, members of the church body, and guest speakers from other areas. Testimonies are especially effective and help put the eight principles into real-life application.





Infrastructure Work & LOTS of Cleaning!



We recently received funding to address some infrastructure issues at Victory Welding Life Skills Center and have been working on addressing the issues for the past couple of months. Electric, water, sewer and concrete work is being performed with volunteers and the men in the Victory House program providing the majority of the labor. We appreciate the huge impact it's making to reach our goals!

LEARNING & GIVING BACK

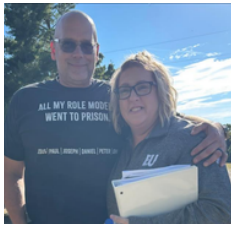


Welding Center Needs

- Plasma cutter up to 1/2inch
- 250amp mig welder on roller cart with aluminum capability
- Cutting torch set w/bottles
- Horizontal metal band saw liquid cooled
- Chop saw
- Sand blasting booth
- Heavy metal shop table
- Drill press
- 4 auto darkening welding hoods
- Box of welding gloves
- 4 sets of welding jackets
- Welding Votech curriculum
- Rolls of MiG wire
- 275 Amp stick welder
- Scrap steel
- Skull caps
- Grinders
- Welding rod
- Any hand tools (tape measurers, etc.)
- 4" Channel
- 4'x8' Diamond-plate sheets
- 2'x2' square tubing medium wall
- 2"x2" Angle iron

Learning Life Skills | Giving Back

During their time at the Victory House, the men participate in farmwork, property upkeep and many, many community projects under the mentorship of Jason Ponder and volunteer leaders from Viola Victory Church. This provides not only the opportunity to give back, but also a way to exercise skillsets and/or learn new ones!



JASON & JESSICA PONDER: LIFE ONSITE

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One of the greatest blessings of the Victory House is simply being able to do life with these men every single day. We never want to take for granted the opportunity God has given us to walk alongside them, encourage them, pray with them, laugh with them, and just sit down to talk about life. Every man who comes through these doors has a story, and it is such a blessing to watch God work in their lives one day at a time. We may not always see the changes immediately, but when we look back, we can see just how far God has brought so many of these men.

Right now, we have a great group of guys, and many of them are working hard to get their driver’s licenses. Until they are able to drive themselves, however, a lot of the day-to-day transportation falls on us. Getting the guys to and from work, appointments, classes, and other responsibilities requires a LOT of driving! There are definitely days when we feel like we spend half our time in the vehicle. 😊 But even those miles are part of the ministry. Sometimes the best conversations happen while we’re driving down the road, and we are thankful for every opportunity to invest in these men.



Jason has also been working extremely hard alongside some amazing volunteers to get the Victory Welding shop up and running. We are so thankful for the men who have given their time, skills, and energy to help make this vision become a reality. There have been plenty of things to figure out along the way, but we truly believe this shop is going to be a great opportunity for the men to learn a trade, gain valuable skills, build confidence, and prepare themselves for a better future. We are excited to see what God is going to do through it!

Of course, ministry doesn’t always go according to plan! Jason has had some hiccups with his truck having mechanical issues – especially challenging when so much of our daily ministry involves driving. It seems like there is always something that needs repaired, fixed, moved, picked up, or hauled! God has continued to provide, and we are learning to take each challenge as it comes and trust Him through it.

We are tired sometimes. We stay busy. There are plenty of unexpected challenges, and there are days when we wonder how we’re going to get everything done. But at the end of the day, we can honestly say we wouldn’t trade it. Being able to be here with these men, to watch God change lives, and to be a small part of what He is doing through the Victory House is a blessing beyond words. Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for us, encourage us, volunteer, donate, and support the Victory House. You are not just supporting a building—you are helping us invest in lives. We are so grateful to have you on this journey with us.

PARTNERSHIP

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OPPORTUNITIES

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People Needs: Employers, Volunteers, Mentors, Prayer Warriors

- We are always seeking businesses and individuals that can share their time
- Employer-Partners that would consider hiring men starting a new life
- Drivers
- Special Group Meals - preparation and service
- Volunteers with experience obtaining licensing, birth certificates, non-driver I.D.s
- Prayer Warriors - to pray for the program, the men, and the leaders

Needs Toward Long-Term Goals of Self-Sustainability

- Tractor / Hay Equipment
- Hay Rings
- Cattle Bunks
- Cattle Waterers / Heat Elements
- Welding Equipment and Supplies
- Tools and Rolling Tool Boxes
- Financial Stake Partners

Specific/Recurring Needs

When the men first enter the program, they often come with nothing. To help them get off on the right foot as they are finding employment and getting established, the house pays for a couple weeks of groceries, a few items of clothing and, if necessary, pays the upfront cost for obtaining documentation (which is later reimbursed). Start up runs around \$500-\$800 per participant. We are always looking for partners who can sponsoring an individual joining the program.

Other Ongoing Needs:

- Paper Goods (TP and Paper Towels)
- Trash Bags
- Beef/Hamburger for the freezer (not sure how you would word that)
- Hygiene
- Laundry Soap
- Linens (towels, twin sheets and comforters)
- Monetary

Financial Donations toward utilities, fuel (for driving men to jobs and court obligations, etc.)

