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The MISSION AT THE CROSS

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Congratulations

Man In The Reflection

"In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me."

Psalm 120:1

James Phillips, for completing the One Year Program at Mission At The Cross!

During his stay at MATC, James has exemplified the loving-kindness of Jesus Christ to everyone he meets. For his vocational training and now employment, James works at Hellfighters USA as a salesman of Harleys, Jeeps, and retail. James can always be seen going out of his way to spread joy to our customers and his brothers at the Mission.



And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

Exodus 14:13-14

A Joy-Filled Word From Wendell, Hellfighters USA Operations Manager

The first week James was here he made such an impact on our hearts. We prayed for him every time we thought of him, which was often. We knew it would take God alone to keep that broken, scared, and lost person here to fight his battles. We watched James grow stronger with each passing month, and we now see a strong, caring man before us. He will always cheer you on, make you laugh, and tell you about Jesus. He has worked with many of our brothers at the Mission at the Cross by helping in the transition from drugs and alcohol to a clean, sober way of life. Since coming to HFUSA, he has been a constant value to our team. We saw so much potential in him. As we moved him to different areas, we found the perfect "fit" in sales, which he has flourished in. After twelve months of sobriety, we are so proud of the Godly person he is today!

Good luck, James and God Bless. — *Wendell Forrest*

I don't like reflecting on the things that brought me to my breaking point. As one pastor said it, "Some of us want the blessing but not the breaking." I was broken and by the grace of God I am in a rebuilding phase of my life. I think of my life and life in general as a beautiful skyscraper, one of the twin towers if you will. It can take years for one to build it and develop it just where he/she wants it, but it only takes a heartbeat for it to be destroyed without the right foundation. However, out of the rubble can emerge something stronger and greater than before with a Godly foundation.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Without specific details or "war stories" as we call them at MATC, let me sum my story up. Imagine kneeling on the side of a pier and suddenly you fall off into the deep, dark water. You begin bobbing, waving, gasping, and trying to swim. You attempt to keep your head above water. Reaching out for a helping hand, but NEVER being able to grab ahold. You have thoughts and panics of not making it and eventually giving up! Imagine the struggle! Imagine the fight! Imagine the feeling! Finally, the arm grabs you and pulls you onto the pier. Imagine the joy! Imagine the feeling! Imagine the reason! But God! I am thankful for the arm that saved me!

Today, I walk back onto the pier, kneel, and stare into the rippled water to see a reflection. I smile because I know it is only a reflection and it is not me, but rather a mere reflection to remind me that I don't ever want to be there again. I don't know the man in the reflection anymore. — James

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

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WISDOM NEVER DIES

"WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, THE MEMORY BECOMES YOUR TREASURE"

Roger Tucker, better known as "Tuck" to the men of The Mission, was house leader, mentor, friend, and brother for more than eight years. He was a man of few words, but the few he did speak were nuggets of Heavenly wisdom. For those who met him, he never left a heart untouched. Although he may be gone, his words will forever live on.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13



Brotherly love is a commitment, 24/7/365. There is no grey area. Brother denotes family, kinship, and blood relations. This is an irreversible commitment to be there for them no matter what the circumstances.

It doesn't mean that we back everything they do. Wrong is still wrong, but we don't give up and turn our backs on them. This love doesn't waver, falter, or diminish in times of need. It is respect for his individuality, but also a need for his conforming. You lift him up when he needs lifting, listen when he has something to say and be just and fair in all dealings.

Mostly we put them ahead of ourselves, being kind and considerate of all aspects of their lives. Hoping the best for them in all phases of their lives, and doing everything in our power to help them attain this.

Loving without reserve, not holding anything back. Honest and forthcoming with one another. Willing to go that extra mile — 24/7/365.

— Roger "TUCK" Tucker



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Mission Needs:

- Three Compartment Foam Trays
- Plastic Forks
- Disposable Plates
- Razors
- Body Wash
- Glass Cleaner
- Notebooks
- Canned Vegetables

How can we
THANK
God enough for
YOU
in return for all
the joy we have
in the presence
of our God
because of you?

1 Thessalonians 3:9

Prayer Requests:

Richard & Gina Headrick
Richard & Linda Burke
Mike & Alexia Shirley
Hurricane Victims
Law Enforcement
Revival for our country
New Guys:

Kevin Sletten
Matthew McAlister