

# The MISSION AT THE CROSS

PRODUCED & EDITED BY THE MIGHTY MEN OF THE MISSION



*Merry Christmas from the men of  
Mission At The Cross!*

This year at Mission At The Cross, the men are collecting toys for kids and gifts for elderly ladies. This is a way for the Men of the Mission to be able to bless children who may otherwise not have Christmas this year, and to bless elderly women in a local nursing home with a bag of goodies, who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families this year.

Ladies gift ideas are, but not limited to: Fuzzy Gripper Socks - Nail Clippers - Lotion - Scarves - Small Purses - Small Blankets & Throws. **Please drop off donations to Hellfighters USA by December 19, 2020.**

## MISSION NEEDS:

- Coffee Filters
- Cereal
- 20oz Foam Cups
- Dryer Sheets
- Two 15 - passenger Vans

## MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Richard & Linda Burke
2. Bro. Ted Cates
3. Gina Headrick
4. Mike Shirley
5. Graduates:  
Jacob H. - Joshua L. - David M.

**MATC is a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Organization - Checks can be made payable to: Mission At The Cross**

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# **Congratulations, JOSHUA LOPER, JACOB HOLIFIELD and DAVID MILLER for completing the one-year program at MISSION AT THE CROSS!**

## *Out of the Ashes*

I came to Mission At The Cross in December of 2019, losing a very long battle with drugs and alcohol. I spent years destroying everything I came in contact with by setting all my relationships with my family, friends, kids and marriages ablaze and sifting through the ashes. By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, my eyes were opened December 23, 2019, when I asked the Lord into my heart, and begged Him to take the mess I had made out of my life.

I have seen the Lord work in my life in ways I have never experienced before: My relationship with my family is stronger than ever, I got to see my oldest daughter come to know Christ and He has kept my relationship with my youngest daughter, Harley, intact. I have felt and seen the Lord work in my life as the old "ME" has burned away. As more of the dross is fired off, a new man comes forward.

Now that the old has passed away, I have found the newness of life and the peace of God. I give all thanks and praises to the Lord Jesus for His work in my life. — Joshua L.

*"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver: I have tried you in the furnace of affliction."* Isaiah 48:10



(Joshua Loper)

## BEYOND BLESSED



(Jacob Holifield)

I am beyond blessed with having the opportunity of completing the one-year program at Mission At The Cross. The Lord has done so much for me in a short period of time. I have learned to love myself, but I have also learned to love and respect the people around me. I have learned to put other people first.

The Lord spared me from several years in prison for two felony charges I got before coming to the Mission. He has also restored the relationship between my mother and me. When I was on drugs we could not hold a conversation, but today we open up to each other, and it means the world to me. The Lord has also allowed me to mend other relationships that I thought were irreconcilable. I have made so many healthy relationships with people who love me and accept me for who I truly am.

The best part is that I now have a testimony of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and I am now comfortable to share it with anyone. My plans for the future are to keep pressing forward and to be an encouragement to the others that are struggling like I once was. If someone does not know Jesus and never hears about Jesus, they will never be able to experience His grace. I would like to thank the staff and my Brothers from Mission At The Cross for helping me get past the bump in the road. — Jacob H.

*"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 3:14

## Hope for Tomorrow

My name is David Miller. I am a proud father of four wonderful kids and a loving papa to four beautiful grandkids. Life should have been great but, after thirty years of drug addiction that brought me to a point of hopelessness, I thought that my only option would be prison. However, God had other plans. He used my sister and a close friend to lead me out of the darkness. I have now been granted a second lease on life through my stay here at Mission At The Cross. My family and I would like to thank: my savior Jesus Christ, MATC house leader Randy Dossett, Richard & Gina Headrick and all of our church family at Highland Baptist Church. Because of their time and sacrifice, my eyes have been opened to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. — David M.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11



(David Miller)

- During Josh's stay at the Mission, he showed qualities of a true servant of Christ by: running the kitchen, greeting visitors, and providing food boxes for the needy. Mission At The Cross was represented well by Joshua as he was the first face seen by new residents of the one-year program.
- During Jacob's stay at the Mission, he showed his love for brotherhood by his compassion towards others. During his stay, he worked at Hellfighters USA in the service department as a motorcycle technician.
- During David's stay at the Mission, he showed a great work ethic and perseverance while working along side Bret Evans who is a contractor for the Headrick Companies. He plans to stay on for phase two of Mission At The Cross.