

The MISSION AT THE CROSS

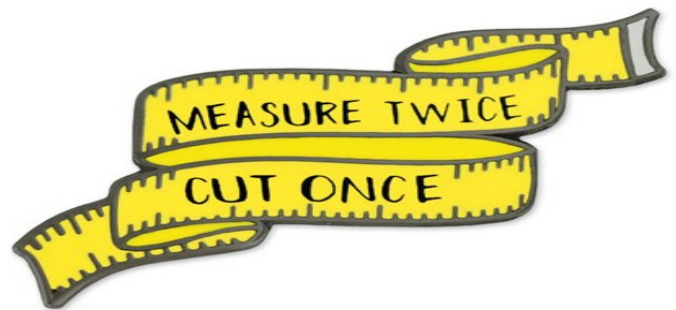
PRODUCED & EDITED BY THE MIGHTY MEN OF THE MISSION

Happy Thanksgiving

**“NOT A NAIL DRIVEN, BAG OF CEMENT POURED,
MEASUREMENT TAKEN, OR BOARD CUT THAT BRO.
MARVIN DIDN'T LAY HIS HANDS ON. . .” — MIKE SHIRLEY**



**“THANK YOU, FOR ALL
YOUR *HARD WORK,*
LOVE AND *KINDNESS!*”
— Men of the Mission**



Brother Marvin Gavin and his lovely wife, Mrs. Elaine, (pictured above), have been an integral part of Mission At The Cross since day one. Brother Marvin has done everything from: Mentoring the men, bringing them to and from job sites, making numerous trips for food & milk, to leading the men in every building project that has taken place for Mission At The Cross, as well as Hellfighters USA. For years, Brother Marvin was a professional contractor. He has selflessly used his skills for the betterment of our vo-tech program here at MATC. Since the beginning, he has taught men hands-on carpentry skills, while sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Today, if you look around there is nothing that does not have the finger prints of Marvin Gavin all over it. Simply put, without Brother Marvin there would be no MATC or Hellfighters USA.

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

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“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”
Matthew 25:40

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that provides God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with churches worldwide, they share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our men from Mission At The Cross were blessed with the opportunity to join Highland Baptist Church in packing 220 shoe boxes. These boxes included items such as: hygiene products, toys, crafts, clothing, and personal letters to each child, telling them how much, JESUS LOVES THEM! Thank you Highland Baptist Church for always including us.



(The Mission Men with Pastor Eric Estes, his wife Maria and Grandson Ford Thorton at the Mission's home church, Highland Baptist, Laurel, MS)

'Tis the Season for Giving!

Once again, Christmastime is here and we are asking for the love & support of our Mission friends and family. This year we have many ways for you to join us in our hometown mission field. Here are a few: Located in Hellfighters USA and Sawmill Square Mall our Mission Christmas Trees are set up. On the trees you will find ornaments with the needs of the men printed on the back. Secondly, if you would like to give monetarily, you can make checks payable to "Mission At The Cross" and mail it to MATC, One Freedom Square Laurel, MS 39440-3367. Lastly, to the right of this article we have listed a few house needs that you can drop off at the Mission or send in the mail to 324 South Magnolia St. Laurel, MS.

MISSION NEEDS:

- **Laundry Detergent**
- **White stick deodorant**
- **Canned goods** - **Hand sanitizer**
- **Toothbrushes** - **Toothpaste**
- **Two 15 - passenger vans**

MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. **Health of the men**
2. **Bro. Marvin Gavin**
3. **Gina Headrick**
4. **Mike Shirley**
5. **Our Families**
6. **Upcoming Graduates**

**Keep Christ
in Christmas**