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Agreat man once said, "We all hit little bumps in the road." In 2012, Sean Lubin, a California native, had hit his bump. Locked away in jail, drug-addicted with no friends, no hope, and a family distancing themselves, it looked like prison was going to be his new home. As usual, God was in the background working His mercy and grace through a, then small, rehab called Mission At The Cross. Through a series of events, Sean was allowed to participate in our three-month program under our house leader and friend Roger Tucker. Sean was successful in completing the program and worked as a motorcycle tech for Hellfighters Motorcycle Shop. In His power, God brought the gift of salvation to Sean's life one night on the second floor of the Mission, and Sean accepted. Through this new relationship with Jesus Christ, a new man was born—a man of compassion, selflessness, and integrity with the ability to lead with love.

God began restoring everything Sean had given over to his addiction, including the relationships that had been severed with his parents and children. Today, Sean continues to climb new heights, being guided by his Savior. This month, God granted Sean mercy by allowing the Mississippi courts to expunge his record, forever clearing him of his felony conviction; his rights as a United States citizen have been restored!

Sean is currently the Service Manager of Hellfighters USA Motorcycle Shop, Vice-President of Hellfighters Motorcycle Ministry Laurel, MS unit, has a house on Angel Lake, and a beautiful grandson named Chance that owns his heart. God flattened out Sean's bump, and He is willing to do the same for you! Sean, weloveyouandare proud to cally ou Brother, friend, and mentor.



(Chance Lubin, asleep in the loving arms of Sean Lubin, known to him as "pop-pop")

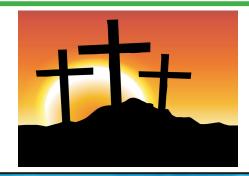
MISSION AT THE CROSS DAY!

For the men of Mission At The Cross, our home church is Highland Church in Laurel, MS. However, we enjoy going to churches around Laurel and surrounding areas to share how Jesus Christ is changing our lives. This year, we have visited: Central Baptist Church Ellisville, MS; First Baptist Church Myrick in Laurel; and Arlington Baptist Church in Beaumont, MS.

If you would like to schedule a Mission At The Cross Day to learn more about the ministry, hear our testimonies and have some great fellowship, please contact Randy Dossett at (601) 335-2060. We look forward to spending a day with you!

Mission Prayer Requests:

- Al Taylor -Cancer Treatment
- Betty Busbea -Physical Injury
- Randy Dossett -MATC House Leader



Mission Needs:

- 1. Tea
- 2. Coffee
- 3. Plastic Silverware
- 4. Laundry Detergent
- 5. Two 15-passenger Vans

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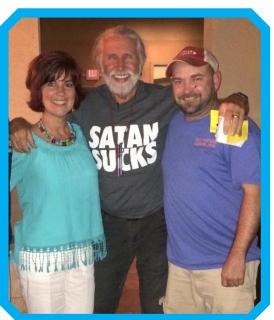
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Jody Blakeney & Ashley Sands



Gina Headrick (left), Richard Headrick (center), and Jody Blakeney(right)

am not sure my vocabulary is strong enough to adequately describe or put Linto words what Mission At The Cross has meant to me! Simply put, it is HOME.

I arrived at The Mission on May 7, 2015, a broken shell of a man, defeated by life and without an ounce of hope. After an eighteen-year battle with addiction, I had lost the will to fight and was nearly ready to give up. BUT, GOD! The minute I walked through the doors, an overwhelming and indescribable peace came over me. It was at that moment a small, still, voice whispered, "Welcome home, My son."

Today, it is very emotional for me to reflect on how much I have grown and how much my life has changed since first walking through those doors nearly six years ago. Since then, my life has been devoted to the Mission At The Cross and Hellfighters ministries and to encouraging others bound by the chains of addiction. I've been on two mission trips to Nicaragua, shared the gospel at Bikes, Blues & BBQ in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and have tried to be the light of Christ at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota for three years.

There have been so many people who have helped get me to where I am today. It would be impossible for me to name them all. Still, I want to name a few: Richard & Gina Headrick, Mike & Lisa Grubb, Roger "Tuck" Tucker, Mike & Lexi Shirley, Steven & Ansley Wilson, Vaugh Blackwell, Chris & Jennifer Prince, and everyone at Highland Baptist Church. From the bottom of my heart, I want you guys to know how much I love you and how grateful I am for every one of you.

At the 2019 Sturgis Rally, I began talking to Ashley Sands, a Hellfighters Foot Soldier from the NE Houston Unit. Since that day, we have become best friends and soulmates. We are thrilled to announce that on February 12, 2021, I asked Ashley to be my bride—and she said, "Yes!" I will now move to Houston and begin a new job to start this new and exciting journey together. We want to ask all of our friends and family to pray for us as we start this new chapter.

So, how does a person say goodbye to a place that has meant so much to them? The answer is, this is not goodbye because no matter where I receive my mail, my HOME will always be Mission At The Cross.

> Love Y'all, Jody B.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"A Bitter-Sweet Farewell"

The "mission" of Mission At The Cross is bitter-sweet. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing Satan get crushed when a man surrenders to, falls in love with and has a burning desire to live for Jesus and serve Him! However, our "mission" isn't truly complete until the Lord's plans for such a man include, "It's time for me to move on to the next chapter, and I'm ready for it!"—a thrilling, yet heartbreaking, milestone! So, both happily and sadly, it's that time for Jody.

What a privilege it has been to watch as the Lord has literally breathed new life into him! We've seen Jesus at work as Jody has matured spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically, professionally and socially. He's allowed himself to be stretched out of his comfort zone, over and over, as has accepted the challenges and opportunities put before him, and succeeded—all in preparation for this day.

If we had scripted this next chapter ourselves, it could not have been more perfect. We love Ashley and her parents, Jody's new employer and our Hellfighters Brothers & Sisters with whom he will be ministering. Truly, a match made in Heaven!

Jody, I hope you know how much Richard loved you, and how much I love you and am going to miss you. This is all an answer to many prayers, and we could not be happier for you!

> "For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God" 1 Thessalonians 3:9