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## Mid-Summer Communique

Dear Friends,

Although mid-summer is referred to as the “lazy days of summer,” there is certainly not anything lazy about what is going on around here and what a blessing it has been! As you can see, we’ve been extra busy showing God’s love to our neighbors in need.

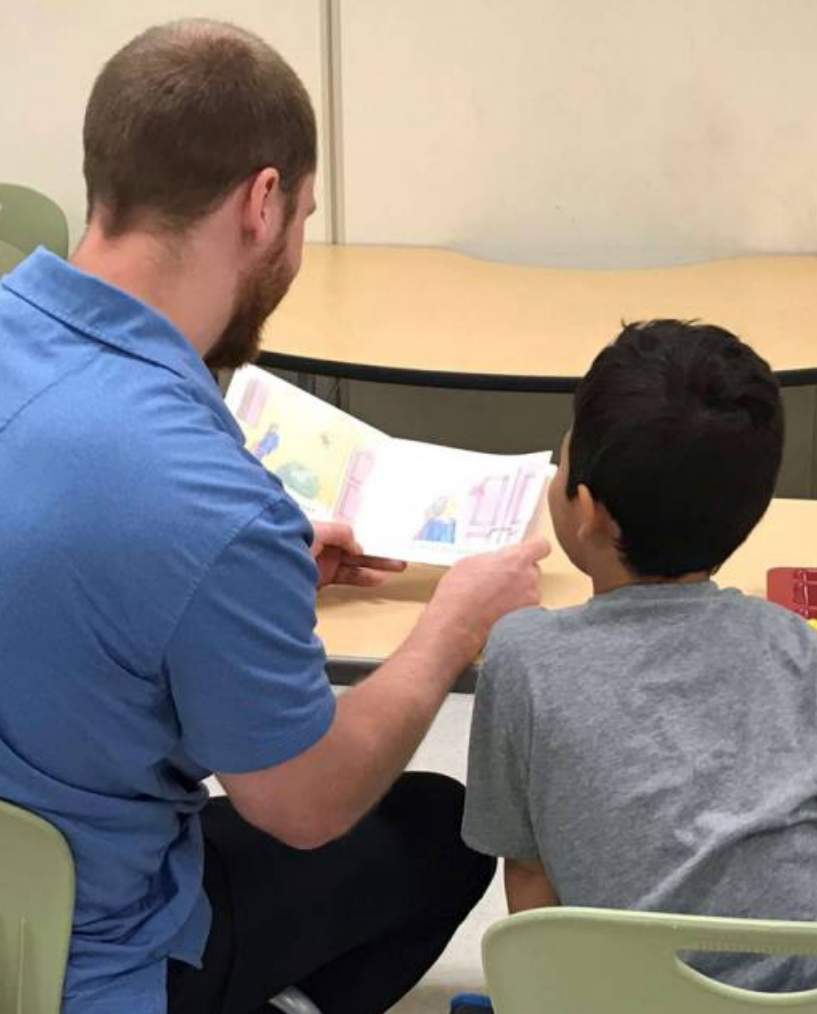
### MOBILE MARKET

In May we were excited to share about the coming Center of Hope Mobile Market, and this “Market on wheels” will have just launched by the time you receive this letter. Our target area is north Whitehall and is designed to serve families who do not have transportation to come to the Center of Hope. It takes twenty volunteers plus staff to run the market and we have openings if this sounds like somewhere you’d like to serve. Currently, we intend to bring the market to the distribution site two Wednesday evenings a month.



### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for Victory Ministries’ 40th Anniversary Gala on November 2, 2023!!! This special evening will be filled with remembrances from the past and New Paths of Hope too. Your attendance at this event will make this very special celebration complete.



## LEARNING BUDDIES

In 2020 many of our ministries were adversely affected by the pandemic resulting in many of them having to end. An example of that was our Vision Clinic. One day we were operating full steam ahead, and the next day we were closed. However, if you were able to see last month's newsletter, you know that the Vision Clinic has been reinstated and we are seeing patients again after three years. Similarly, our Learning Buddies program had to close as well. Once a thriving outreach with many ample Learning Buddies assisting children with reading, it was reduced to a handful.

We believe, if we work together, we can change that and fill the local public elementary school with loving, dedicated Learning Buddies again. Remember our slogan from the early days, "Teach a child to read and change a life forever." Why not consider spending one hour a week (starting in October) with a child who needs a friend to help them recognize letters and sounds? There is a place for you!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



To commemorate Victory's 40th Anniversary, we have scheduled an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social for Friday, July 28 from 1-4pm for the community members and neighbors we serve. The Pantry will be closed that day so that we can celebrate the summer with food & drinks, games & prizes for the kids, corn hole for adults, hourly raffles with some awesome prizes and of course, Ice Cream! The city will be blocking off Lamby Lane that day, so neighbors and guests can park in our lot while enjoying the festivities.

## YOU SAVED MY LIFE

We were beyond blessed when Renee stopped by yesterday to see us. When she came in the building all she could say was, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" She was looking for the doctor (that has since retired) who she had seen two years earlier at our Women's Clinic. As a result of the exam, she was referred to a cancer clinic and they diagnosed her with breast cancer. Being uninsured, she relayed that she could never have afforded the treatment and medicines her condition required. Unfortunately, she did have to have a mastectomy, however, as of her last checkup, Renee is cancer free! "You saved my life," she exclaimed and followed that by giving one of our team member's a big bear hug to show her deepest gratitude.

