



# LINKED Update

Quarter 2 - 2019

Dear LINKED Partners,

Thank you for your continued generosity to the LINKED campaign. Because of your support, we have been able to partner with members of our community to make a difference and continue planning for growing our ministry.

## Current Financial Status

*LINKED Goal: \$2,000,000.00*

### **Totals for LINKED (as of 6/30/19)**

Amount Pledged: \$946,951.39

Amount Received: \$97,310.02

Amount Disbursed (4/1/19-6/30/19): \$500.00

Total Disbursed (1/1/19-6/30/19): \$2,500.00

### ***Matching Gifts***

Just a reminder: For every dollar pledged, 50 cents (up to \$600,000) is being matched by two generous Victory member families.

## Details about Disbursements

### **Victory Scholarship**

Through your generous gifts towards the LINKED campaign, Victory was able to partner with the Franklin Community Education & Recreation Department in early March to support Franklin families in need with a \$2,000 scholarship for Kid's Club. So far, this scholarship has helped four families (total of eight children) find a fun, safe place to spend their summers. There is \$372.20 remaining in this scholarship fund, which will be used when the school year begins.

### **Country Dale Parent-Teacher Organization**

Victory also utilized LINKED funds to continue our partnership with the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at Country Dale Elementary. We provided ice cream and toppings as part of the school's end-of-year celebration with students, parents, and staff.

## Future Plans for LINKED

### Staffing (15%)

The Leadership Team and LINKED Committee are still investigating an expansion of our staff. We are looking to hire a part-time accountant or contract with a financial firm in order to ensure that Victory is fiscally responsible and properly managing church finances. Additionally, this would allow staff members and volunteers to utilize their time more effectively to share the Gospel and serve joyfully. The goal is to get this position in place by August 15, 2019.

### Community Involvement (15%)

Victory has begun partnerships with two community organizations, with plans to provide facilities and resources during Quarter 3 of 2019. **Innovative Health and Fitness** approached the church regarding using our facilities for free Boot Camp offerings. The first of these will be held on July 17. Additionally, **Love Thy Neighbor**, a community group that supports senior citizens, will start using our facilities in October for monthly opportunities.

We also continue to work with the **City of Franklin, Franklin Public Schools** (particularly Country Dale Elementary), and **Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department** to determine how we can best support our community.

The LINKED committee is investigating various ways to get more involved in the Franklin community and beyond. One idea under consideration is setting up an opportunity for community members to apply for funds to support or start projects that would benefit Franklin and the surrounding cities. Additionally, the committee is looking into partnership opportunities to help people in need with paying down medical bills.

### Ministry Expansion (70%)

We are still investigating options for area partnerships to develop a second ministry site for Victory. We also plan to utilize funds designated for the campaign to pay off a significant portion of our church mortgage by the end of 2019.

## How You Can Get Involved

### Pray

We ask that you thank God for the generous hearts He has given to members of our Victory community and for the opportunities He has already presented to Victory. Please also pray for His wisdom and guidance with how Victory can utilize funds to best spread the Gospel in our local and broader communities.

## **Support the Campaign**

It's never too late to get involved with the LINKED campaign. You can submit your pledges with a LINKED card or online ([click here](#)). You can submit financial contributions by using your LINKED offering envelopes, placing a check in the offering basket with LINKED in the memo, mailing a check to Victory of the Lamb, or donating securely online ([click here](#)).

## **Designate Matching Gifts**

Many employers offer a Matching Gifts program, where you can sign up for your company to match your donations to charitable organizations such as Victory of the Lamb. We encourage you to contact your employer to determine whether Victory of the Lamb would be eligible for a matching gift. If so, please consider completing paperwork for a matching gift.

## **Thank You!**

We look forward to seeing how God will use LINKED to help Victory of the Lamb share the Gospel and lead others to Him. Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In His Service,

### **The LINKED Campaign Committee**

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