



LINKED Update

August 2020

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 7/31/2020)

Amount Pledged: \$946,951.39

Amount Received: \$517,903.88

Total Disbursed: \$251,746.24

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

Financial Peace University

LINKED campaign funds were utilized to pay for participant materials for families in Financial Peace University. This course started in March, paused meeting due to COVID-19, but is now meeting online to help families manage their financial blessings more effectively.

COVID-19 Community Support

During the Safer-At-Home Order in March/April 2020, Victory provided approximately 15 families with funds to purchase groceries and other household essentials. These families requested funds due to loss of jobs or reduction in hours.

Mobilize MKE

Victory partnered with a dozen area churches for Mobilize MKE in June 2020. This food drive collected food for over 130,000 meals, which was distributed to food pantries across the Milwaukee area. In addition to being a food collection site, Victory used

LINKED funds to give a financial donation to Mobilize MKE, which was given to local food pantries so they could continue to meet needs in their communities.

Blood Drive

For each blood drive hosted at Victory, Versiti sends almost a dozen staff members and volunteers to work with blood donors. As a thank you for their dedication and care, we purchased small gifts for each Versiti volunteer and staff member present at the blood drive in July.

Debt Reduction

In July 2020, Victory made a payment of \$100,000 to pay down the principle of our mortgage, which covers the Ministry Center and the Plainsview Parsonage. This gets us closer to being debt-free, allowing us to use funds to expand our ministry at Victory.

Franklin Police Department

In August 2020, we supported the Franklin Police Department with a donation of almost \$15,000. This will be used to purchase training software, bicycles for offices, cameras, and other items that will help the FPD serve our community.

Future Plans for LINKED

Staffing (15%)

Funds in the LINKED campaign continue to pay the salaries of the Office Manager and Financial Manager. Additionally, Victory is currently in the process of hiring a Tech Director to train, oversee, and manage the tech booth for our worship services and other events.

Community Involvement (15%)

We continue to work with the **City of Franklin, Franklin Public Schools** (particularly Country Dale Elementary), **Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department**, and the **Franklin Police Department** to determine how we can best support our community. We also have plans to organize volunteer outreach teams and host neighborhood grill-outs once COVID-19 restrictions lessen.

Ministry Expansion (70%)

We are working with contractors and the City of Franklin to expand our parking lot, which will hopefully happen in Spring 2021. Additionally, we are putting together teams of people inside and outside our congregation to help determine how to effectively expand our ministry in person and online.

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](#)).

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,

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