

Local Missions - Service Opportunities

MINISTRY: VICTORY MINISTRIES (Center of Hope)

Victory Ministries is a multi-faceted Family Assistance Center that provides critical emergency services to nearly 20,000 individuals which includes 7,000 poor families, elderly, shut-ins, and handicapped.

VM's has been introducing individuals to Christ and/or helping them grow in their relationship with Christ while providing the tools necessary to gain greater self-sufficiency and independence for 33 years. In 2015, VM witnessed 205 decisions for Christ and 81 rededications to Christ.

While much has been done, there is still so much to do. The foundation of this ministry is based upon Deuteronomy 15:11 – namely that the **poor will always be in the land**; God states this fact and that we are to help them. Consider 2 facts that are closer to home:

- 44.7% of Ohioans are one crisis away from falling into poverty*
due to loss of job, medical emergency, death of an income earner.

- 16.0% of Ohioans are living in poverty**

 - **For individuals with an annual income less than \$11,170

 - **Family of 4 with an annual income less than \$23,050

VM works to provide their clients the kind of hope and encouragement that compels them to not only press forward for a better tomorrow, but turn around and help the one in need behind them. Yes, VM currently has former clients who are now active volunteers. What a blessing!

In recent years VM has operated out 3 different locations. Their primary location was on Switzer Road in an industrial building near the airport. This proved to be inefficient from a time, man power, and cost standpoint. So, in March 2016 VM centralized their operation into one location, the **Center of Hope**, which is located at 3499 East Main St, Whitehall, Ohio 43219 – A location that makes VM easier to find and for the Lord to meet their client's needs.

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The vision of the Center of Hope is to reach out to individuals in as many ways as possible so that in the end lives are changed – changed in such a way that as families gain a measure of independence there is also a growing dependence on God.

Volunteer serving opportunities exists for families, life groups, community groups, and individuals alike.

Service areas include, but are not limited to:

Social Workers	Kitchen Lab
Clothing Store	Warehouse
Choice Pantry	Social Enterprise Businesses
Medical Clinic	12 Step Recovery Program
Receptionist	Employment Services
Bible Studies	Safety and Security
Client Intake	Chaplain Training
Food Reclamation	Food Pickup and Delivery
Bible Studies	Mentoring & Tutoring
Clinical Counseling	

Serving Frequency – Varies, based on group size and service area.

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