



The Beacon

Official Newsletter of The Lighthouse

Dylan Nease - God's Child

At the age of six I knew the world that I lived in was anything but normal. I remember many nights crying to God that a family would adopt me. I never knew my real parents, and from infancy, I lived in an orphanage in Guatemala. The summer of '96 God answered my prayers, and I was adopted into a loving family and was moved to Southern Indiana.

Growing up I acted out and misbehaved at every chance possible. I sought negative attention and followed the wrong crowd. I soon found myself in a vicious pattern of using drugs and drinking. Broken promises and relationships were the result. Getting arrested and sitting in jail was common. I tried several rehabs and realized that my issues were internal. That is when I met Brandon and he agreed to let me stay at The Lighthouse.

I started seeing my life from a completely different perspective. I addressed my sinful nature and am rebuilding my life with Christ at the center. I have started rebuilding my relationship with my parents, who never gave up on me, and more importantly with Jesus Christ. I have been at The Lighthouse for just over a year now, and I have returned to college and am volunteering at my church's kids program. I now wake up with a purpose because with God in my life, I am His child!



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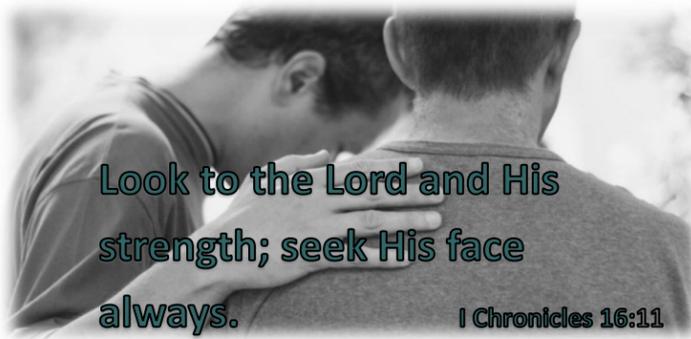
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I had a conversation with a friend a few weeks ago, and we talked about how addiction work sometimes feels like a ministry of defeat. **However, you have made a difference!** Some of you have volunteered, mentored our residents, prayed for us, or supported us financially. Each of these acts of generosity provides hope and encouragement to continue the work of The Lighthouse. Through your partnership, lives are being changed!



Prayer is an important but often overlooked part of recovery. Having worked at six different centers in our community, and having seen prayer under-prioritized in many of them, I am excited to be able to pray with the men in our Transitional Housing program. Last week I dismissed a man from our program, and before he left, I prayed with him. I prayed for his future choices, and that Christ

would have central focus in his life. He left, thankful and weeping. I also recall a night when a resident made a poor choice and returned violently drunk. As we waited for the police to remove him from our home, several other residents gathered and started praying for him! Praise God for His guidance in our time of need.



Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

I Chronicles 16:11



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