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Prayer Points:

- ◆ For financial support to continue our work.
- ◆ For office space to be provided.
- ◆ For wisdom for the Advisory Board members.
- ◆ For a second house to be donated.
- ◆ For volunteers to step forward to help.
- ◆ For the men in our program to grow in Christ.
- ◆ For guidance and direction as we move forward.
- ◆ For guidance as we seek to add new members to our board.

We Are Open!



Recently, I was approached by a man who requested \$5 for a meal. I explained to him that I didn't hand out money, and then I drove away. My heart sank as I looked back in the rear view mirror and saw the despair on his face. I felt the Holy Spirit tug at my heart, and I returned a few minutes later. I bought the man dinner and sat with him, listening to his story, and then I told him about my story and my Savior. I was a little discouraged that day because he didn't respond and because I knew that it was very unlikely that he would take the steps to make a long-term change in his life.

Scripture tells us that "in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." The only way lives bent on destruction can be totally changed is when men and wom-

en embrace a relationship with Jesus Christ. At The Lighthouse, we concentrate on the heart issues along with the surface issues. It's more than just giving them \$5 and meeting their immediate need. It's about introducing them to the Savior! Thank you so much for helping us to provide this lasting change.

Our Life Recovery Home opened last month, providing us another avenue to reach those struggling with addiction. I can't wait to see how many lives will be changed through this outreach!

Only By His Grace,

Brandon Bower

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Founder & Co-Laborer in Christ

Mentor Training

Training Mentors to meet with those in our program is a key component to the success of our residents. If you are interested in helping to disciple the men in our program, please contact us! We need your help!



Our 2017 Goal - Church Support



We identified early on that if The Lighthouse ministry was to succeed, we needed support from our local churches. This is a vital part in our vision but one we have struggled with. We are now asking for your help! Will you purpose to introduce us to your church? It's really simple: The next time you are at church, talk about the work God is doing through The Lighthouse. Ask the church leadership if they would meet with us. Leave some brochures with the pastor, or seek to get us on a speaking schedule! Without support from the church, our mission will never be complete. Will you help us?

Our Needs

The Lighthouse still has need of several things. Let us know if you can help with any of the following:

1. Volunteer to help with event planning
2. Prayer partners
3. Rakes, lawn tools, and snow shovels
4. Stamps
5. Volunteer to reach out to churches on our behalf
6. 30 day bus passes for our residents.



Help Us Find A Home

The Lighthouse is now searching for donated office space suitable to meet our growing needs. We don't need much, but would like a private office and a small group room. We are happy to offer a tax donation letter in return for space or to discuss other payment options. If you have any leads for us, please let us know!

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THOSE IN NEED



Meet Our Resident Assistant!



Josh Lounsbury - My life changed dramatically in early 2016. At that time, I thought my life was over. In a lot of ways, I wanted it to be. My wife of fourteen years left me and took my kids. What followed was the worst time of my life. I thought I could fix the problems. I was wrong.

Desperate times call for desperate measures... while I was at work on a Sunday, it was storming badly. I took some time and walked outside, and as I walked, I looked up and asked Jesus to come back into my life, to take my pain and addictions from me. I could not do it on my own. I was tired of masking my hurt and emotions with drugs.

I had been a constant pot user for over twenty years and had been placed on anxiety meds for the last six years. Suddenly the sun came out and hit me on top of my head. When that happened, His grace hit me like a ton of bricks. I have never felt anything like that before. I had a full bag of marijuana with me and totally lost the desire to smoke it. That was the last day of my illegal drug use.

Even though I wasn't smoking pot anymore, I was afraid to stop taking my anxiety medication until one day when I was about to take them, and I heard Him say to me, "I took this from you." I immediately threw them away, haven't taken them since, and have had no side effects whatsoever! I had thought my life was over, and now I realize it is just beginning.

I now attend First Baptist Church of Ossian and am excited about what God has in store for my life. When I was younger, I felt God calling me to be a missionary; now I see my mission field is right here, helping other addicts find recovery through Christ. All I needed to do was get out of the driver's seat and let His will be done. It took me losing my wife to gain Jesus. I was living to serve myself; now I live to serve Him!

The Lighthouse exists to serve men who struggle with a life-altering addiction. By showing the love and compassion of Christ, we strive to minister to all within our reach with the transforming message of the Gospel.