



The Lighthouse International



Ruth Phillips came to us from Nigeria, where she and her husband are faithfully living out the Great Commission through a ministry called Hedges of Mercy. Desiring to see people committing their lives to Christ, Hedges of Mercy (HOM) is founded on Jude 1:23-24, a call to persevere, showing others mercy through Jesus Christ. HOM is a faith-based non-profit organization with a vision to reach out to the surrounding communities of Nigeria with the gospel message of freedom from the bondage of sin, addictions, poverty, disease, abuse, and social/cultural entanglements. Their purpose is to help people make decisions that alter their lives positively for eternity, through the following strategies:

- **Evangelism and Discipleship**
- **Community Development**
- **The Girl Child Rescue Project**
- **Trauma Recovery and Healing**

Each of these strategies is designed to share the gospel message with those in the community, offering teaching, education, rescue from abusive situations/cultural traditions, as well as support and counseling to those seeking help from addiction, abuse, and life-altering issues.

As the team reflected on their ministry, looking at their work through the four strategies, they saw a need to become empowered to use biblical tools as they counsel people through Christ-centered recovery. As they prayed for God's direction, He provided! The need for training was met through The Lighthouse. Ruth joined our team as an intern, where she has been able to glean and learn the dynamics of a biblical recovery center. Ruth said, "It is an honor to be the first from my team to benefit from this partnership. I have gleaned from the wealth of knowledge and professionalism of The Lighthouse and have been empowered, equipped, and chiseled to go back and replicate The Lighthouse principles in Nigeria." We have been honored to have Ruth and the team from Hedges of Mercy partner with us as we continue to do Kingdom work. (For Ruth's full testimony, visit our website under The Lighthouse International.)

God continues to build His kingdom as we seek to help our brothers and sisters globally. Another opportunity presented itself when another of our partners, Josh Brunk from Village Mercy in South Africa, reached out to The Lighthouse with a need for a brick-making machine to assist with their job skills training. God placed it on the heart of one of our faithful donors to supply the money necessary, and we were able to send Village Mercy the monetary gift to purchase the machine. Also, we have partnered with Zwide Khumalo, serving Grace Baptist Church Restore in Welkom, South Africa. Zwide and his family faithfully share the hope of Jesus Christ to those who are poverty stricken and struggling, continuing to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are grateful to be a part of His Great Commission as we serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ. You too can be a part of this international movement as you pray for us, pray for our global work, and share your time, talents, and gifts for His glory!



volunteers NEEDED



We need your help!

Every Friday night, The Lighthouse hosts Community Chapel, a time of celebration as we come together to sing and hear from God's Word. Following the chapel time, we offer a free community meal to everyone who attends. This is a great opportunity to build fellowship with our community as well as serve their needs. Each of our meals is sponsored by friends of The Lighthouse. Can you help? We still have several meals needing sponsored this year. Will you prayerfully consider asking your family, small group, business, church, etc., to sign up and sponsor a meal? We can't do this without you! Sign up at the link below:

<https://biblicalliferecoverycenter.com/our-services/chapel/>

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The Mission Continues...

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

-Lamentations 3:22-23

I am blown away by God's faithfulness as I reflect on the last nine years. This September, The Lighthouse will be entering our 10th year of ministry. **Wow, 10 years!** It is only by God's grace and faithfulness that The Lighthouse has become the ministry it is today. What started out as an idea, born out of frustration, God has turned into a thriving ministry for His purpose and glory. I am humbled to be a part of God's amazing work. I have seen His hand leading us through the highs and lows, the good and the hard. I have cried tears of joy and tears of sorrow. I have rejoiced with others as they celebrate victory, and I have mourned with those who have given into temptation and fallen back into life-dominating sin. I have seen God grab ahold of a man's heart and change His life forever. I have felt the spiritual warfare and have felt God's faithful warriors lifting up the ministry in prayer. I have had great joy in building relationships with other like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ who desire to help build His kingdom. I have seen others give sacrificially of their time, talent, and treasure to serve us and join us in our work. God has supplied an amazing team of individuals at The Lighthouse who I am privileged to work alongside each day. Best of all, the gospel is shared with each and every person that comes in our doors. People are hearing about Jesus, and lives are being changed. How amazing is that?!

I am personally inviting you to join us this September for our Annual Celebration Fundraiser, to be held on *Thursday, September 21st* at our Community Center. Visit the link below to register. Come and celebrate with us as we reflect on God's faithfulness and the work He is doing in and through The Lighthouse. As we continue to trust Him and follow His leading, the mission continues!

<https://LighthouseCelebration2023.eventbrite.com>

