

RESCUE & RECOVERY APRIL 2024

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Lighthouse Ministries is set apart by the Spirit of God to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to meet the physical, emotional, and other needs of the poor and at-risk population. We wanted to share an example of what *Giving Hope that Changes Lives* looks like. Below is a story shared by Kellie, a Lighthouse alumni who is now working as our newest case manager for the Women's Recovery Program.

"I wanted to share something with everyone. When I started in the program, my daughter, Angel, was two months old. As she grew I remember going to Miss Dee (Kellie's case manager) and telling her that Angel was growing and needed new clothes. Miss Dee would always say "Don't worry", and that she would keep a lookout for some. Every single time we would receive a donation that was exactly what Angel needed.



God always shows himself to me in ways some would say was small, but to me, it was so big and powerful. So when a resident came and shared that her son needed bigger clothes. We checked upstairs and were not able to find anything. She said "Ms. Kellie what will we do?" I heard myself say "Don't worry and that I'll keep a lookout." On my way in today I saw a box of clothes about to go out to the store. As I looked it was the exact size the little boy needed. I just said, "Thank you Lord!" God is always on time!

The Bible tells us that we have been reconciled to God, so that we can be a part of the ministry of reconciling others to God. Kellie is a wonderful example of this truth. Thank you for your generous support that is making an eternal difference through the power of the Gospel.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

II Corinthians 5:17-19

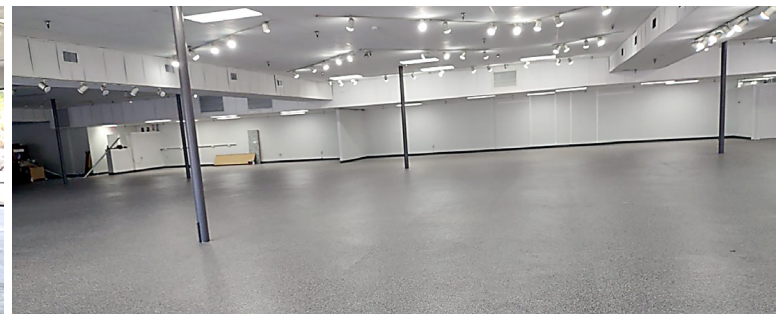
BRANDON THRIFT STORE REMODEL UPDATE

We want to thank you for your patience as we continue with the remodel of our Brandon Thrift Store and HOPE Center. At this point the new Floors are done and plumbing is nearly complete. We are installing the new bathroom stalls and looking forward for the pallet accent wall once the contractor is done with everything. We're working on assembling the new register and display cases and cleaning out one of the rental PODS. We will also be adding cameras and alarm security.

We are so thankful for a special donor who made this remodel possible.

A limited section of the Brandon Store is open for shopping and is taking general donations from 10am - 2pm, however we are unable to take furniture donations while work is being done. Our other locations are able to accept donations as normal.

Thank you for your understanding, and stay tuned for news on the reopening of the newly remodeled Brandon store!



FIREFIIGHTERS VISIT THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

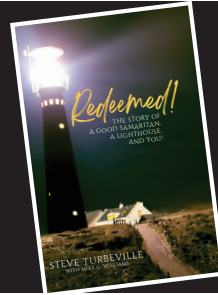
Lighthouse Community Preschool is open to all residents and the community. Established with the goal of providing a quality child development center in a Christian environment, the preschool provides a loving, learning and structured environment for infants through five years. Early childhood development needs to be stimulated, guided, and reinforced through a wealth of experiences if each is to achieve his or her own potential.

One such experience happened recently with a visit from the Lakeland Fire Rescue Truck #12. The children had a great time learning about all of the tools and equipment the firefighters use. They especially loved getting into the fire truck. Thank you to Lakeland Fire Rescue for coming out and educating the kids.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lighthouse Community Preschool contact Terry at tkoerner@lighthousemin.org.



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8,273

Nights of Shelter

60

Life Learning Residents Served

52

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

28

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