

# RESCUE & RECOVERY AUGUST 2023

## CELEBRATING A NEW GROUP OF STAFF INTERNS

After completing the seven month Life Learning Recovery program, Lighthouse residents have the opportunity to interview for the staff internship program. If they are hired, they begin working while living at Lighthouse where they can save \$3,500 to \$5,000 in order to prepare to move out on their own.



**Alex** has struggled to overcome childhood trauma for many years across two continents. He struggled with addictions to substances and unhealthy relationships. After many years of these struggles, his mother helped him get to Lighthouse Ministries.

It has not been an easy process, but Alex has come to know and is growing in the Lord. He is sober and now a staff intern.



**Lacy** turned to drugs and alcohol after the failed relationship with her baby's father. This damaged her relationships with other family and she found herself alone and homeless as a single mother.

At first she did not want to leave her life behind, but she realized she had to think about her baby.

Coming to Lighthouse gave Lacy a chance to understand her struggles. Ultimately she began to draw closer to God.

*"I never planned for my life to be like this. I thank God for turning me around."*



**Jody** was living in a tent behind a local church because of the mistakes she had made as a result of past trauma. This trauma robbed her of the most precious things she had — her children, her family, and her job.

After looking for some help at the church, they welcomed her with open arms and told her about Lighthouse Ministries. She entered our Life Learning Recovery Program, ready to change her life through counseling, Bible studies, life skills classes, and

a renewed hope.

She is thriving as she works in the Lighthouse Kitchen and is developing her leadership skills as the kitchen lead three days a week. Jody is looking forward to reconnecting with her family and sharing about how God has changed her life through the power of the Gospel.



**Anita** was in AWANA when she was young and was even a leader as she grew older. Then her life was impacted by some of the choices she has made as an adult.

*"I struggled with fully trusting God in some of my dark moments and tried doing things my way."*

Anita struggled with fear, stress, anxiety, anger and distrust of people for years. This led to her having trouble finding a job, a place to live. Ultimately she ended up on the street.

Anita has grown spiritually as she has worked through the Life Learning Program at Lighthouse. She is excited to start this new stage in her adventure with God.

*"I need to go to God with all of my burdens, leave them all with Him and just trust Him and rest in Him every day."*



**Dana** came to Lighthouse after being on and off the streets for years. His struggles with addictions have caused legal problems and damaged his family relationships.

He came to Lighthouse to get stronger in the Word of God and focus more on what God has for his life. He is excited to see how his life is already changing through the Recovery program.

*"I look forward to getting closer to God and learning the will of God for my life, and maybe helping others through my life."*

It is through the donations of generous people like you that Lighthouse Ministries is able to offer the Rescue & Recovery environments to at-risk people that offer dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel. Thank you for Giving Hope that Changes Lives!



### AUGUST EVENTS

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Plant City – Friday, Aug. 25 – 7 pm**

**BEIT TEHILA CHURCH, BRANDON – SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 – 11 am**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SEBRING – SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 – 6 pm**

**IMPACT CHURCH, LAKE WALES – SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 – 6 pm**

### OCTOBER EVENT

**LAKES CHURCH, Lakeland – Friday, Oct. 20 – 7 pm**

# COMEDY EVENT'S

**FREE!**

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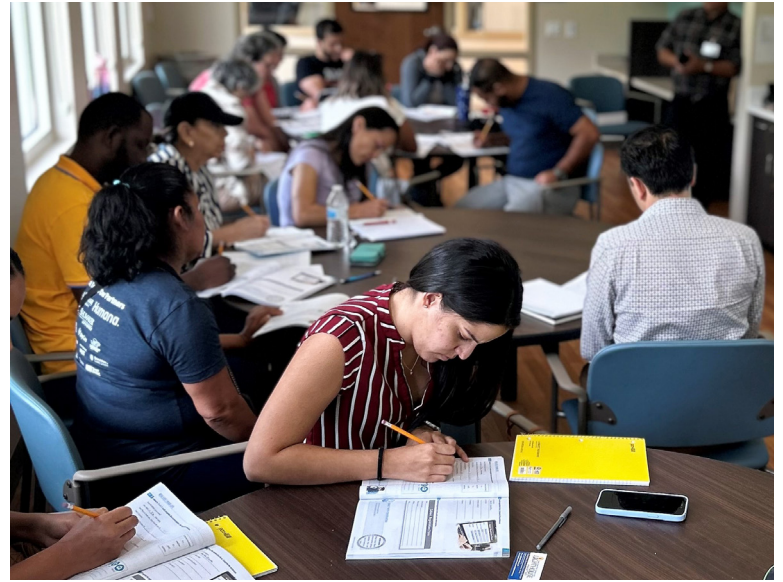
# PARTNERING FOR CHANGE IN WIMAUMA

A collaboration with Family Health Care Foundation and Wimauma Community Health Center enabled Lighthouse to begin teaching ESOL classes in Wimauma.

The English Teacher and Ybor Center Manager, Cheryl Hart, was able to start classes on July 7. English for Speakers of Other Languages, or (ESOL), courses break down barriers that students face, helping them in current positions, in seeking promotions, in getting new jobs, and in attending college. An integral part of the class is giving the opportunity to hear the Gospel shared while learning English!

Due to the generosity of donors, Lighthouse was able to provide funding to purchase workbooks for thirty students. After Friday's class was over, 6 more individuals signed up. It is anticipated that the class can grow to as many as 46 students, which is the maximum attendance allowable at this location.

Please pray for the students at this location as they embark upon a life changing endeavor of learning



English. Pray also for continued favor for the staff at Lighthouse's Kimmins Campus in being able to facilitate ongoing classes, with God opening more doors to greater things. To God be the Glory!



**Brittany receiving her Florida Ready for Work Certificate from Steve Ogle from the Lighthouse Adult Learning center.**

## BRITTANY – READY TO WORK

Brittany grew up in the foster system from age three. She was thankful to be adopted at the age of fourteen and went to school at Lakeland Christian.

After deciding that college was not for her, Brittany chased after relationships with men. She found herself on the verge of eviction with a new baby. Her adoptive mother helped her to connect with Lighthouse Ministries.

Brittany was able to find a safe place to live for her and her mother

as well as opportunities to grow in her relationship with the Lord.

As part of the Recovery Program, Brittany has earned her Florida Ready for Work Certification. Florida Ready to Work provides employability and soft skills training. Those who successfully complete the program earn the Florida Ready to Work Credential and/or the Florida Soft Skills Credential, recognized as a common measure of foundational skill readiness for most jobs across industry sectors.

**AS YOU THEREFORE HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM, ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH, AS YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, ABOUNDING IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING.**

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## CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT

THROUGH JULY 2023

**91,508**

Nutritious Meals Provided

**25,356**

Nights of Shelter

**465**

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

**106**

Life Learning Residents Served

**3,326**

Individuals Served

**53**

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

**2,696**

Gospel Communications

**87**

Faith Decisions



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