

RESCUE & RECOVERY NOVEMBER 2023

MICHAEL – GETTING BACK TO HIS ROOTS

Michael was attending the regular Homeless Outreach at Amazing Love Ministries who partner with the Lighthouse Kimmins Family Campus in Tampa. Joe Vazquez and Pastor Manny spoke to Michael about turning his life around. They encouraged Michael to enter the Christ-Centered Life Learning Program at Lighthouse.

Michael grew up in a Christian home. Many of the men in the family were pastors and served in ministry. Michael admits he has done all the wrong things like drugs and alcohol knowing that those things kept him separated from God. He said, "I have been running away for a long time". He got tired of running and decided to surrender completely to God. He has been at Lighthouse for two months.

Michael said, "This is the place where I need to be".

Michael is being restored and his faith compels him to want to share "that it is time for people to quit playing church" and "people need to get serious about committing to God." His renewed faith is shared with an urgency as he seeks God's direction for his life.

Individuals like Michael are the reason we do homeless outreach. Please pray for him and those whose hearts are searching for the path of freedom and restoration.



LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Thank you to the Woman of Impact from Lakeland Christian School who collected toys to assist with our Christmas Toy distribution. As we plan to meet the needs of the most needy this Christmas, their generosity, along with other faithful partners like Ray Quillen from Urban Tropical Fish Farms, enables us to provide Christmas toys for children in our communities. This year we are expecting even more needs and are excited by the many local businesses who have our donation boxes available to collect the needed toys.

If you would like to help please bring your new, unwrapped gifts for children, from infants to 15 years-old to one of our toy boxes at one of the local businesses and churches near you listed below.



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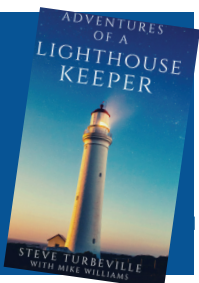
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PUBLIX SUPPORTS HUNGER RELIEF

We are grateful to Publix Super Markets Charities for their faithful financial support of hunger relief at Lighthouse Ministries. Thanks to a recent Hunger Relief Grant, more than 14,000 meals will reach individuals and families facing homelessness and financial challenges in West Central Florida. So far in 2023, over 140,000 meals have been served. In the upcoming holiday and winter seasons, there will be increased needs in our community.

At Lighthouse hunger needs are met through

- Daily meals for men, women, and children residing at the Jay & Eloise Troxel House for Women and Children and the Men's Gospel Rescue Mission;
- Boxes of groceries distributed through HOPE Centers at four Lighthouse Thrift Stores as well as the Ybor City Adult Learning Center;
- Hot meals served up for children in after-school Gospel Bible Clubs;
- Groceries supplied to help stock church food pantries and partner sites.

Publix Charities' support is impactful in meeting these needs and greatly appreciated!



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LIGHTHOUSE BOARD DEVELOPMENT RETREAT

Lighthouse Ministries Board of Directors had a great time during this year's Board Development Retreat. David Brownlee, Curt Browning and Mary-Jo Pennino from Mission Accelerate discussed the great progress that has been made and next steps to ensure quality board leadership into the future.

We are thankful for the Empower Polk Grant from GiveWell Community Foundation, that helped make this training possible. We are planning a bright future with a new strategic plan!

GiveWell Community Foundation, you didn't just help fund processes, you are keeping us on track with our mission, nurturing leaders, and making the vision come alive!

Thank you also to SVN for allowing us to meet in their beautiful building.



CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT

THROUGH
OCTOBER 2023

123,439

Nutritious Meals
Provided

46,608

Nights of
Shelter

588

Homeless Sheltered
(Non-Duplicate)

134

Life Learning
Residents Served

4,342

Individuals
Served

79

Community Homeless
Housed or Stabilized

4,045

Gospel
Communications

165

Faith
Decisions

Your generosity allows Lighthouse Ministries to offer 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!



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