

BRITTNEY – SOBER, SAVED & REUNITED

Three years ago Brittney and Chad were living in the woods with their boys. When Homeless Intervention Chaplain, Luke Simmons, first met them they were not ready to give up on their addictions in order to receive the help they needed.



Brittney before

Brittney, now reunited with her boys



Luke was able to assist them with short term housing and a housing referral. Chad worked hard to salvage an old FEMA trailer, replacing the floor and building his own furniture. Luke helped Chad get a job, and would continue to check in on them.

In July of 2022, Brittney reached out. DCF had taken the boys and Chad was in jail. What they had been

doing was not working. She told Luke she had a job but needed shelter.

She was again offered bed at Lighthouse's Life Learning Program for women and children. This time she said yes. By then she'd missed seven visits with her children, and an eighth no show would mean forfeiture of her parental rights. She agreed

to a complete detox and came to Lighthouse for an interview.

Since entering the Recovery program, Brittney has completed detox, been sober eight months, and has regained custody of her children! Most importantly, she now has a growing relationship and walk with our Lord. Praise God for the work He has been able to do through your generous support!



Tony working in the Lighthouse laundry room.

TONY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IS A LIFE CHANGER!

In November of 2022 Tony found himself in the Lighthouse Ministries Rescue Mission dining area eating a nutritious meal. Tony said, "I spoke with the Rescue Mission Director, Joe Washington, and that evening was a life changer."

Tony became a part of our volunteer program. This three-month program provided meals and a place to stay for Tony as he worked in the laundry room at the mission. Tony was able to grow through chapel services each night as well as discipleship classes.

Since then, Tony has been able to get a full time job at Fred's Market restaurant. With help from Homeless

Intervention Chaplain, Luke Simmons, Tony has been able to work towards saving money and making plans for his next steps.

Towards the end of his three month program, Tony was blessed with a car, and a new full time job as a forklift operator. Tony's new boss felt led by the Lord to build an efficiency apartment where Tony could live.

"This week as my time in the program comes to an end, I want to thank Joe and Luke for giving me a chance, and those who support Lighthouse Ministries to make these programs available. Remember this: Jesus said, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."



Tony's boss, building his efficiency apartment



VOLUNTEER GROUPS AT LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Ministries is blessed to have so many community partners who come along side to donate their time and energy to Give help that Changes Lives.

Publix has been a faithful community partner over the years, and it is always a joy to work side-by-side with these wonderful people who helped put a new coat of paint on many areas of the Women's Life

Learning Recovery Campus.

A great group of Seniors from Victory Christian Academy did a wonderful job assisting in the kitchen as well as the Hydroponic garden.

A group from FedEx really delivered (see what we did there?) in the kitchen preparing lunch for our residents and staff.

These volunteers not only get to

serve, but it is also a great way to see first hand the work the Lord is doing at Lighthouse Ministries.

If you or your group would like to volunteer at Lighthouse Ministries, go to www.lighthousemin.org click the "I want to Help" link at the top for more information as well as to apply to be a volunteer. You can also contact our Volunteer Coordinator Caroline Bonds at cbonds@lighthousemin.org.



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THROUGH MARCH 2023

42,385

Nutritious Meals Provided

299

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

1,651

Individuals Served

1,230

Gospel Communications

10,463

Nights of Shelter

53

Life Learning Residents Served

27

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

30

Faith Decisions



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