

RESCUE & RECOVERY JULY 2023

JUSTIN – THE TRUTH HAS SET HIM FREE

Justin Yates has been around Christian influences all his life, all the while thinking that he was saved. Coming to Lighthouse Ministries, Justin now knows that he was lying to himself.

Justin has been blessed multiple times throughout his life. In 2001, he broke his neck and experienced a temporary paralysis from the neck down. At the time, he was given a 50% chance that he would walk again. After some spine fusions and therapy, he walked out of the hospital.

Justin said, "After something like that occurring in one's life, most would wise up and follow Jesus."

However, for the last 20 years he continued his addiction to meth and became the town drunk of Tampa. Along with that he suffered the loss of a child and his mother, which only added to his trauma.

By God's grace, Justin began to visit Amazing Love Ministries in Tampa.



They allowed him to eat, volunteer and attend church services. It wasn't long before he was confessing his struggles and despair to the pastor.

The pastor knew who to call. It wasn't long before Joe Vasquez, Lighthouse Ministries Hillsborough Director of Ministry, was helping Justin complete an application for residency into Lighthouse Ministries Life Learning Recovery Program in Lakeland.

Since entering the recovery program, he says, "My life has improved in every possible way. I'm getting to know Jesus Christ more every day. I now know without a doubt I am saved, for I have truly accepted Jesus Christ in my heart. In some way, I want to serve the Lord forever. All the glory goes to God for ever and ever."

Your compassion and unselfish giving are making an eternal difference in lives of women, children, and men like Justin.

Giving Hope That Changes Lives
LIGHTHOUSE **WEEKEND OF COMEDY**
ministries

MIKE WILLIAMS **PAUL ALDRICH** **DAVID PENDELTON**
America's Favorite Comic Ventriloquist

PHIL DITOMASSO **TIM BOYD** **JON FONTANA**

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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

FREE EVENT - YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

FLORIDA READY TO WORK GRADUATES!



Lighthouse Ministries Adult Learning Center is proud to offer a new program, Florida Ready to Work. Florida Ready to Work provides employability and soft skills training in partnership with school district, workforce system, state college, technical center, adult education, juvenile justice, correction, employer and other community-

based partners statewide. Those who successfully complete the program earn the Florida Ready to Work Credential and/or the Florida Soft Skills Credential. Both credentials are signed by Governor Ron DeSantis and recognized as a common measure of foundational skill readiness for most jobs across industry sectors.



Join us in congratulating our first two graduates, Eric & Dana who each received both the Florida Ready to Work and Florida Soft Skills credentials!

Pictured with Eric and Dana are Director of Adult Education, Scott Turbeville and Adult Education staff member, Steve Ogle celebrating as they received their certificates.

GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION IMPROVEMENTS



We have been in the process of improving the courtyard at the Gospel Rescue Mission. This courtyard is a gathering place for our overnight guests. Please be in prayer for the Gospel conversations that happen here on a regular basis.

Thank you to Sharon O'Bryan, owner of Big Jim's Sod. Sharon used

her trucking company to donate and deliver 15 pallets of sod. She also coordinated with Viking Lawn Care who donated the irrigation system and she organized a serve day with Haven Worship Center. Thank you to Sharon and Jacob (owner of Viking Lawn Care). Both attend Haven Worship Center.

We are so thankful to God for moving the hearts of these community partners as we improve the courtyard to create a Rescue & Recovery environment for at risk people to experience dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel!

CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT IN 2023 THROUGH JUNE 2023

80,063

Nutritious Meals Provided

21,596

Nights of Shelter

465

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

88

Life Learning Residents Served

3,109

Individuals Served

48

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

2,291

Gospel Communications

68

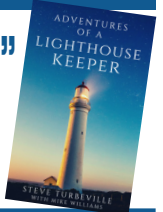
Faith Decisions

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An exciting ride through the history of Lighthouse Ministries.

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Your generosity creates Rescue and Recovery environments for at-risk people where they can experience dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel!