

NEWS FROM LIGHTHOUSE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES INC.

To my faithful partners and so many dear friends,

May the love of our Lord Jesus bless your lives throughout this new year. I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers. I just want to take a moment and express my appreciation for your phone calls, encouragement and financial support throughout the years. Not only have we been doing prison ministry for over 15 years but have been able by the grace of God to open and maintain 4 transitional sober living homes to offer housing, life skills, and job assistance to help these individuals become law abiding productive citizens once again. **Only by God's grace, your prayers and financial support could we have come this far and have accomplished so much.** To God be the glory!!!!

By God's grace and the help of my church family and my dear brother Eric we were able to finish all the repairs on the homes and all the necessary paperwork and acquire finances to get our State License on all 4 homes. PRAISE THE LORD!!!!!!!!!!!! **Please don't stop praying.**

I am often asked why we do this. It's because we love Jesus Christ, and His love works through us. But why would even God love criminals, you may ask. Jesus answered that question long ago when He said, "...they that are whole need not a physician: but they that are sick." It seems that God has a special love and concern for the salvation of those who need Him the most. Criminal behavior is not very lovable. Therefore, it takes a special kind of love to have compassion on those who have caused so much suffering. God's Word is very clear when He tells us to visit the prisoners. "Remember the prisoners, as if chained with them, and those who are mistreated, since you yourselves are in the body also." (Heb 13: 3 NKJV)

Lighthouse Educational Ministries was founded to give hope and encouragement to those that our society for the most part has forgotten about and locked away. We see ourselves as mere links in God's Holy chain. For it has been our experience that the Lord uses many various people from different walks of life, to achieve His objectives. That's because it is not His desire for humans to get the credit for the work the Holy Spirit accomplishes. Perhaps that is the reason why God chose to begin His church on earth with a bunch of very ordinary men, such as a tax collector named Matthew, and a fisherman such as Simon Peter and John.

We believe that the entire debt a believer owes has already been paid for through the shed blood of Christ, and that those who come to God in repentance are forgiven their sins. However, Jesus drew a sharp distinction between the debt that a person owes to their government and the debt that they owe to God. (Matthew 22:16-21).

The founding member having been incarcerated himself understands and knows he has found the answer for those behind bars. We provide Bible Studies, devotionals and substance

abuse recovery material to inmates, as well as a safe environment to assist them on their journey after their release. Therefore, even though a prison inmate may have repented of his or her sins, that does not cancel out the debt they owe to the government, society, or anyone else. Nor did Jesus come into the world to do away with the laws of God (Matthew 5:17-18).

Lighthouse Educational Ministries is a non-profit 501 C/3 self-supporting ministry who wants to see changed lives of men and women in prison, so they can become productive citizens once again. All of our literature is distributed to prisoners for free. We are a faith based ministry and believe that the less fortunate deserve a second chance. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us help others and financially participate in this ministry that our Lord mandates us to do. We can not do this without your support.

Our vision is to get the message of the Gospel to as many prisoners as possible, for the time is short. Change comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. Many prisoners are bound in addiction whether it is drugs, alcohol, or some other form of addiction/lifestyle. The only answer is Jesus Christ!! It is our hope to continue to give clear Bible guidance and share our experiences to help those behind bars and to assist parolees get the help they need.

Please visit our website for testimonies of changed lives.

The immediate needs for transitional homes are: 24 folding chairs with 4 folding tables (6 ft long), school supplies like pens, binders and writing tablets for 24 students. Cleaning products, linens, towels and toiletries, lawn mowers, gardening tools, dressers, kitchen supplies, computers and fax machines. If you have any questions about donations/contributions please call. If you know a church, business, or bible study that would be interested in a presentation regarding prison ministries please let me know.

Other areas of need are: the recovery/re-entry homes...many parolees need a financial sponsor for 3 to 6 months (\$400.00 per month). “Give and it shall be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38 NKJV

Thank you again for those of you who continue to pray and support this very important ministry that is so close to our Father's heart, May our God richly bless you and keep you and may His face continue to shine upon you.

Your friend and servant,
Ron Zaucha

“You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give.

” Winston Churchill”

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