

# The Beacon

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**2019** has been a year of team building. We are excited about what God is doing through our work at The Lighthouse. This year, we have built our team by adding a full-time Case Manager, a part-time store employee, several new volunteers, and 3 new board members! As a result we are seeing our team work better, reaching more individuals with the good news of the gospel as well as increasing our outreach in the Fort Wayne community.

Why? Why continue to build the team? The answer is simple: team building at The Lighthouse equals Kingdom building! Kingdom building...not a new concept, but an important one! Acts 28:31 says, "Proclaim the kingdom of God and the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness." This is our goal - to build the Kingdom of God with boldness! Each and every day, we reach those who struggle with life and life's problems, share the gospel, and

walk beside them as they begin their journey.

A few weeks ago, I met Paul. Paul was sitting at Burger King when we showed up to host our Life Skills group that meets every Tuesday at 7pm. Paul sat alone charging his phone as we surrounded him, ready to begin our time together. One of the guys who is a regular attender shared with him about our group, and Paul decided to stay and participate (plus his phone was dead). Paul listened to our session as we discussed from 1 John what it looks like to walk in the Light. We talked about how Light invades darkness, revealing our sin and how Jesus, who is Light, breaks the chains of sin. Paul was intent, asked questions, and participated well. After we closed in prayer, Paul approached me with tears in his eyes as he told me that he was deeply touched by our Life Skills group that evening. Continuing on in the conversation, he shared that he had been charging his phone so that he could text his family goodbye. He had been planning to end his life later that evening... but, praise God, not anymore!

Stories like Paul's motivate us to team build toward the goal of Kingdom building! This only happens because of your support. PRAISE God for His promises that continue to transform lives!



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## Tribute Dinner & Auction

We were thrilled at the turnout for this year's Tribute Celebration. Hundreds were in attendance to hear Chris Allen present his "lost at sea" testimony. All enjoyed a great meal and celebrated recovery and the new lifestyle the men in our program have started. We were witness to a restoration story as our store manager shared his testimony and ended the evening with a proposal to his girlfriend, Wendy; she said yes! On top of it all, our silent and live auctions brought in a record amount. Your support of our ministry continues to reach the hurting in our community. If you could not attend this year, you can still support us by returning the enclosed donation slip with your generous gift. Thank you for your support!

**Mark your calendar for  
September 10, 2020!**

