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The mission of The Lighthouse is to serve those who struggle with life altering addictions. We do this through several different avenues: our transitional living homes, our community support groups, our mentorship program, and our community life skills employment training. It's exciting to see change take place in the hearts of those we serve as a result of the kingdom building work God has called us to. Christian's story is one example of that heart change. Christian came to us last year from Allen County Community Corrections to complete our program in lieu of jail. Christian's first few weeks at The Lighthouse were very rough; he still had the jailhouse mentality and was listening to the wrong set of friends. But Christian was teachable, and as our staff started speaking truth into Christian's life, he started to change. One of the first changes we saw was his willingness to stop listening to the negative influences in his life. He knew he needed change, and he was eager to participate in all of our

groups and often had questions for our mentors. Christian also started rebuilding relationships within his family and was not afraid to repent and seek reconciliation. Christian then connected with Christ's Church Fort Wayne. Between his time in church, with groups, and with our mentors, Christian started a relationship with Jesus, which was evident in his life by his continued willingness to change. Christian quickly became a leader in the house, helping others see their need for personal growth. His heart change was contagious and evident through his smile. Not long after, Christian started becoming more involved with his kids. It was exciting to see the steps he began taking to be a loving and engaged father. Before graduation, Christian had the desire to get baptized, which was a huge step for him, as a public acknowledgement to his changed life. Today Christian has his own apartment, holds a full-time job, and is continuing to rebuild his relationships while maintaining sobriety. We are proud of Christian's hard work and perseverance as he follows Christ. Please pray for ongoing victories in his life as he continues in his sobriety and journey of faith.



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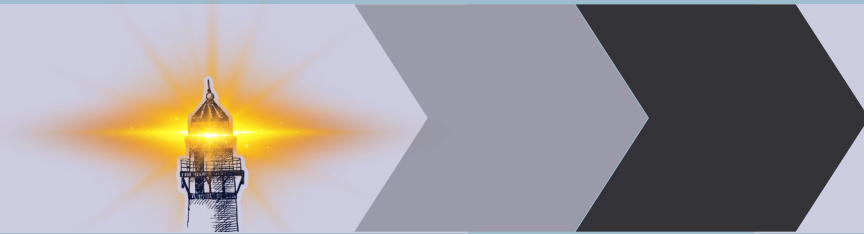
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With Future Hope,

Brandon Bower



We are beyond excited to be a part of the kingdom building work that God is doing through The Lighthouse. Big things are coming, and we can't wait to share with you the great news. Unfortunately, **we have seen giving at an all time low** due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Would you prayerfully consider helping us in this time of need through a financial gift? Your generous gift helps us continue to invest in the lives of those we serve, like Christian, ministering to their needs as they choose a path of sobriety, stability, and healing. Thank you for meeting this urgent need. GIVE HERE: www.BiblicalLifeRecoveryCenter.com/donate



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Hope in Times of Struggle...

Article written by Ryan Henschen, current mentor with The Lighthouse

“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest” (Ex. 33:14). As we read the account of the Israelites and their journey through the wilderness, we may recognize a similarity between their condition and ours. And, while we feel inclined to condemn their murmurings and unbelief, let us take notice, because we are not any better than them, and I believe that God's goodness and mercy towards them is designed to inspire within us love and confidence in Him for times such as these.

Remember, the Israelites had come from Egypt. A land of oppression and misery. God had pitied them and called them out of it. He had made clear that it was by His power alone that they were led out of Egypt. As they journeyed through the wilderness, they faced many trials, difficulties, and enemies. This is a true picture of the world through which believers are traveling. This world is a dreary desert—a scene of conflicts, trials, and dangers, death and disease. I am reminded of the words of Jesus in the gospel of John, “You will have suffering in this world” (16:33).

The Israelites were meant to travel to Canaan. A land promised to their fathers; a land of freedom, rest, and happiness. As believers, we too, are journeying to the land promised—the heavenly Canaan. A land promised to all who love and fear God; a place purchased and prepared by Jesus. A world of rest and celestial glory. The kingdom of God. To this the Christian is looking, and it is for this we pray and believe.

Notice the passage says, “My presence will go with you.” God's presence was visible. A pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. While we do not enjoy this same kind of visible sign, **still we know that God is with us, and we have evidence of it, even when the road traveled is dark and deadly.** The influences exerted, the changes within us, the comforts we enjoy, and the blessings we experience are all evidence that “the Lord of Hosts is with us.” We need to remember, as the Israelites were shown, that **it is God's presence that provides all that we require.**

Finally, God tells them, “And I will give you rest.” This is the rest of victory after the conflicts of life. We will sit down with Jesus and enjoy a rest from the toils of journeying through this wilderness, our labors over. Rest from the fears and dangers of the journey—these numerous, constant, and distressing trials and tribulations. With Jesus, we will be far from danger, far from disease, in the land of eternal peace. – Amen.