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Building and Funds Update

God is amazing! That is all we can say when it comes to our building project. We have received so many donations it is overwhelming. We have \$76,250 to raise and we are believing that it is on its way.

So, the question now is when do we start building? The answer to that question is soon. We have already ordered the building materials and they will be in sometime in September. Our tentative de-

struction/start date is September 15, but that date could be pushed to the end of the month.

The store will stop receiving donations on August 15. We will be closing the store August 31. We have already begun having sales, and they will only get bigger. So, come in and shop til you drop.

If you are looking to donate your time or services to the building please contact Chuck Gussler at 281-557-5505 or

Chuck@lighthousechristianministries.info.

We can't wait to get started. We will have another newsletter coming before the building is finished. In that newsletter we hope to announce the grand opening and tape cutting ceremony. Please look for the date so that you can attend.

Thanks again to all of you who have helped us along the way and during this time of rebuilding!

Word From the Street Connections

Those who live in our community know that Bacliff has many needs. One of the greatest needs is employment. The unemployment rate is high, too high per capita. Even before the hurricane and the economic downturn, Bacliff residents were in need. Crime-ridden, poverty-stricken, and drug-riddled, our community struggles to find a way out of poverty and bondage to addictions.

For many who are willing and able to work, the greatest setback is lack of transportation. God has laid on my heart a desire to help those wanting to

work and connecting them with those who need workers. I'm aware of several success stories, but we need more.

One such story happened this past week. A couple came in for help, needing groceries. The husband had been laid off his carpentry job. I recalled that the day before a lady had been in the store sharing with me that she and her husband were rebuilding homes in our area and were quite busy. I was able to make a connection, and the young couple walked out of our store with a job starting the next morning.

God is our great connector! Our task is to be alert and aware of ways to help Him make these life-saving connections. -Ann

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News From the Storefront

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new building! The “girls” and I would like to personally thank each of you in advance that have given so generously of yourselves in prayer, talents and money to make this a reality. The great task of clearing out the old store and getting it ready for demolition is ALWAYS in the back of our minds, so we have started clearing out some of our fixtures already. If you’d like to help us pack it all up, send me an email at Linda@lighthousechristianministries.info and I will keep you posted when we have some set dates to do that.

“Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

-Psalm 100:4

Changes

We are undergoing many changes. Ike has allowed us to get a new building. We have hired some new store associates-I’m sure you met them when you have been in our store. If not, next time your shopping please say hi to Jessica and Brenda.

We have also hired Erika Steele to help Lauren with grants, special projects and community relations. Erika is a mother to twins and is happily married. She is very ex-

Sales have been great because of all our terrific donors who bring us such wonderful stuff to sell. I know that I have said it before in previous newsletters, but I just can’t help but tell you again how many times we hear people say how thankful they are that we are here for them. Whether they are buying a piece of good used furniture or some house wares, or picking up bread or vegetables, our customers and clients are blessed by Lighthouse Christian Ministries Resale and Gift Shoppe. And likewise, we are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful work that God is doing

cited to work for LCM and feels that LCM has a great opportunity to serve and share the love of Christ.

Ann Evans has been doing such a great job since she joined us. She is the new Outreach Director. If you come by the store, make sure you thank her for all of your hard work.

Lauren White is moving to Florida in encouragement to her husband as he attends

through us as we serve Him together here. We know that without the prayers and support of many of you this wouldn’t be possible. Please know that you are touching people’s lives whether you realize it or not. It’s not just a building to us and to them, it is a place where we are His body working together.

Blessings and grace to you all, I hope and pray that you have a fantastic summer!

- Linda



Full Sail University to earn his Bachelors Degree. She will continue working for us, via email, phone and internet. She will continue her communications with the churches as well as working on funding.

For more information on us or to contact any of us you can check out our website at www.lighthousechristianministries.info.

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Community Fun Fest

On August 1, 2009 at K.E. Little Elementary there is going to be a community festival. This festival is to help serve the Bacliff/San Leon area. There will food, fun., games, a presentation of great strength by Josh Thigpen and medical services provided. This festival is be-

ing put on by local organizations and churches.

There will be a water slide, karaoke, games, door prizes, clowns, face painting, and so much more. The medical services that will be provided are immunizations, Blood pressure and blood glucose screenings. There is

also a chance of having vision and dental screenings.

If you would like to be a part of this event, please email lauren @lighthousechristianministries.info.

Please be in pray for this event! Thank You!

Upcoming Events

We are entering into our busy season here at Lighthouse Christian Ministries. There are so many things going on that we want you guys to be aware of so here it is.

In August, it is back to school. On August 1st there will be the Community Fun Fest from 10-2. On August 4 at 10am and August 27 at 2pm there will be a mobile pantry set up in our parking lot. On August 30 at 12pm Living Word Church of the Bay Area will be in our parking lot and store. They will be serving lunch and will be giving out uniforms to the children in our community. Their goal is to help at least 50 kids with 2 full uniforms a piece. If

you would like to donate some uniforms to help with this event please contact Lauren White at Lauren @lighthousechristianministries.info.

In September we will begin the demolition and rebuild of our building. On October 31 from 6-9 is the No Fear festival. Then our food bag giveaway for Thanksgiving and the Teen-To-Teen on Dec 5. We are super excited about all these events. If you would like more information on a particular event you may check out our website or contact Lauren.

We of course cannot forget our regular events that happen every month and they are

listed below with dates and times.

2nd Saturday Celebration- August 8, 6:30-8:30; September 12, 6:30-8:30; October 10, 4:30-6:30

Free Medical Clinic-September 8, 3-7; October 13, 3-7

Food Fair- August 22, 11am; September 26, 11am; October 24, 11am

Please feel free to come and serve at any or all of our upcoming events. Thanks!

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men..."

-Ephesians 6:7

You Can Get Involved Too!

There are many ways that you can support us and get involved.

You can donate:

Time
Money
Goods

Time: By Volunteering.

Money: By sending in a donation to help with our many programs.

Goods: By bringing in your unwanted items so that we can sell them to others, in return we can use that profit to help serve others.

Goods: By shopping in our Resale and Gift Shoppe.

To Donate Time:

Contact Lauren:
Lauren
@lighthousechristianministries.info

To Donate Money:

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League City, TX 77573

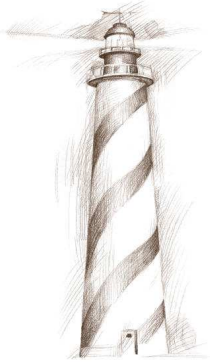
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An Artistic rendering of our New Building