

RESCUE & RECOVERY DECEMBER 2023

HOLIDAY MEALS AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Thanks to your generous support, Lighthouse Ministries and our more than two-dozen ministry partners were able to distribute 1,118 Thanksgiving food boxes and turkeys to those in need. We had a great time with the many volunteers who helped pack and distribute the boxes. Special thanks to food sponsors, **Publix Super Market Charities** and **Team Pouncey Foundation**.

Your generosity also enabled us to host two special Thanksgiving meals at the Men's Gospel Rescue Mission for more than 280 people. We also distributed meals to

seniors at local retirement homes.

This month we will give out Christmas food boxes, and provide toys for more than 1,000 children (a record number) so that families in need can provide a Merry Christmas for their children.

More importantly, we are able to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor and at-risk population of West Central Florida. We, and those we serve, give thanks to God and to you for your faithful giving!



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS



Christmas at Lighthouse Ministries is a joyous time of year. The decorations are a huge encouragement to the men, women and children who are a part of the Life Learning Recovery Program. Special thanks to the many volunteers who make this season bright



Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times of year. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we rejoice with the angel's declaration, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Steve & Bonnie - Lighthouse Ministries



From all of us at Lighthouse Ministries,
Merry Christmas



MARION - CELEBRATING CHANGED LIVES

Marion was a happy child who had a Christian background until her parents' divorce left her confused and angry. This anger led to troubles in school, and trouble trying to develop healthy relationships.

Gang activity and addictions only added to her trauma. Even as she had opportunities to rebuild her life through Job Corps, her poor decisions led her to continue to sabotage herself.

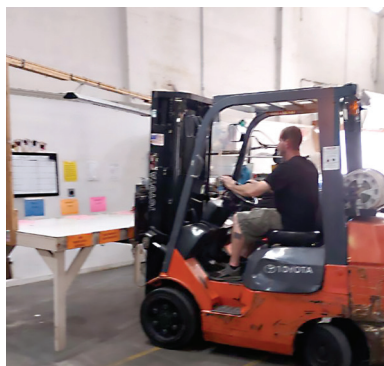
After having further issues with her parents, Marion began a relationship with the man who would be the father of her children. This was not a healthy relationship and led her into witchcraft.

After several years of abuse, Marion sought to return to her Christian roots. She reunited with her family and was living in a domestic violence shelter until Hurricane Ian flooded it.

Marion then came to Lighthouse and has been on the Pathways to Progress - Spiritual Growth, Community, Education and Industry. Marion's girls are growing as a part of the Lighthouse Kid's Club. She will soon move into the Intern program and will begin working towards her independence.

Your generous gifts continue to offer Rescue and Recovery opportunities that make a difference through the power of the Gospel!

PARDON OUR DUST, BRANDON THRIFT STORE REMODEL



During this Holiday season we are excited to be able to start a major remodel of the Brandon Thrift Store. We are so thankful for a special donor who made this remodel possible.

After being closed for the week of Dec 11, A limited section of the Brandon Store will be open for several weeks. You know how construction schedules tend to be flexible.

The Brandon Store will continue to take general donations from 10am - 2pm, but will be unable to take furniture donations while work is being done. Our other locations are able to accept donations as normal.

Thank you for your understanding. Stay tuned for news on the reopening of the newly remodeled Brandon store!

CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023

176,587

Nutritious Meals Provided

588

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

8,088

Individuals Served

4,813

Gospel Communications

39,278

Nights of Shelter

138

Life Learning Residents Served

83

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

181

Faith Decisions

Your generosity allows Lighthouse Ministries to offer Rescue & Recovery opportunities to at-risk people that offer dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel. Thank you for Giving Hope that Changes Lives!



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