

Lighthouse Beacon

New Mexico Lighthouses of Prayer - February 2002

Warriors of Light!

As light in a dark world, we are called to shine like stars holding out the Word of Life. (Philippians 2:14-16). There are several lies from the evil one that every Lighthouse must stand against as they light up their sphere of influence:

1. 'That we don't have what they really need.' Nothing could be farther from the truth. In Christ we have the only key that can set them free.
2. 'That they won't be willing to listen.' People are very open when they find someone who sincerely cares about them. If they feel like they are being treated as a project to be conquered they will close up quickly, but most people will be drawn to genuine acts of love and concern.
3. 'I can't do it, so I won't try.' We don't have to do it. Our Heavenly Father promises us that He will speak and love through us if we will step out in faith. He knows we can't do it. He isn't asking us to do it! He is simply looking for a life He can use.

Recognize that anyone who does not know Christ in your sphere of influence is trapped in prison. They might not even be aware that they are sitting on 'Spiritual Death Row'! The only one who can pardon them is Christ and He has set you in that place to bring that 'Good News.' Here are some examples of what can happen:

Lighthouse Report From Tiona, PA

"Our community is quite small and so is the church. Our average attendance is 35. When we (a friend and I) started the Lighthouse Prayer 'group' we were all of two. By faithfully following through with the idea we are now a group of six. We meet once a week at one another's house to pray and offer support.

Our average attendance at church is now 40 and we were able to start a Sunday School again. We also have at least two neighbors who are attending other churches. We have a person who is prayerwalking and a shut-in who prays for each of our pews. That may sound strange but we feel the Holy Spirit is bringing life to those pews.

I encourage people not to give up. It took us a little over a year to reach this point and we know that God has more

planned for us. With God as the beacon there is no telling how far the light will reach."

Does your church have "life" in its pews? This faithful Lighthouse is seeing revival in their own church because they did "not grow weary in doing good."

Rest assured, even though it may take some time, God will also bless your faithfulness as a Lighthouse!

Lighthouse Has Eternal Impact

"Our family moved to this neighborhood in 1991. During the first 7 years, I didn't have much contact with my neighbors, but God laid that on my heart when our church presented the Lighthouse Movement and later suggested an evangelistic Christmas coffee. I looked for someone to partner with, and God brought another Church family into our neighborhood. (continued on back page)

Let It Shine!

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I went to the Christmas coffee training and we had that coffee 3 years ago. One of my neighbors, named Pat, prayed to receive Christ at that coffee. A neighborhood Bible study group resulted from that coffee. While she didn't come the first year I invited her to the Bible study, the second year she came.

She responded to the Bible truth she discovered at that study and was hungry for more, so she moved on to a Bible Study Fellowship group. She was looking for a Bible preaching church to attend when she learned she had cancer.

My neighborhood friends began helping her on a rotation basis for the four months before she died. She wanted her funeral to be conducted at a Bible-preaching church with a strong message for her unsaved family and friends.

After she passed away, neighborhood friends from the Bible study served the luncheon after the funeral."

IDEA: What needs do you see in the lives of the people for whom you're praying? Look for areas where you can minister to them during a time of special need – or a time of special rejoicing.

Remember, it's God doing the work! A Lighthouse writes:

"In thinking about discouragement and not doing enough or doing anything for our Lord and Savior, maybe we get discouraged because we think we have to initiate the contact with our neighbor and it's all up to us to share our faith with our neighbor, leading us to think it's got to be us and our plan.

It's got to be His plan if it's going to work. If it's ours it's going to fail and probably a good thing too. Let go and let God work His works through the power of the Holy Spirit. Yield to His thoughts and listen for His thoughts to guide you in establishing relationship with your neighbor. You be the vessel through whom the Holy Spirit works. Then act on His leadership."

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms. (NLT)

Upcoming Events

Remembrance Project

Thousands of churches are coming together to distribute 100 million copies of the "Fallen But Not Forgotten" across the USA. Our prayer is that every home in New Mexico would receive one of these booklets by Easter 2002 (~600,000). Please encourage your church, pastors, and business leaders to participate in this awesome outreach event. There will be a pastors and leaders meeting on February 11th at Hoffmantown Church to discuss strategies and resources for a large distribution effort in New Mexico. Call LightShine at 293-0743 to RSVP or check www.LightShine.net for more information. Let's all join together to deliver the message of Jesus to every home in New Mexico this Easter!

Evangelism Conference

"JESUS Name Above All Names" is the theme of the state-wide evangelism conference being held on February 4-6 at First Baptist Church in Albuquerque. Worship services on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 PM will feature local and national speakers and musicians. Breakout conferences will be held all day Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning. Admission is free. Call 293-0743 or 924-2314 for more info.

"Let your light shine so that others may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven." Matt 5:16