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## CHANGE IS IN THE AIR: AN UPDATE ON LC

As the last of the autumn leaves fall and the temperature continues to drop, we enter into a new season. One that is filled with thanksgiving, memories of family and friends and the act of giving. Lifeline-connect has experienced much to give thanks for over the last six months. Jeff Branson and Tom Martin graduated on November 1. Since reaching Phase 2 of the program last year, they have been successfully employed—Jeff is employed by Menard's and Tom by Jimmy John's. Both are participating in M.A.P. (Mentoring and Accountability Plan) and continue to assist with LC operations. We congratulate both of these men on successfully accomplishing their goals. A reception was held in their honor to celebrate.

Those who are still in the program are making progress as well. Les Cotton and Insley Stiles recently received Phase 2 status: Les is also employed by Menard's and Insley is employed by Hobby Lobby. Chris Doxtator and Michael Savage recently completed their "90" (their first 90 days), while Drew Kenna is in his sixth month of recovery. Thanks be to God, for these men who are courageously taking back what was lost!

As the new year and all its potential quickly approaches, we are delighted to welcome R.J. Eaton on staff as Director of Operations. RJ recently completed a four-month intense training program in Alexandria, LA which helped prepare him for this position. We look forward to seeing the change and growth that lies ahead in this new chapter.

This season is celebrated with the act of giving. As a friend and supporter of Lifeline-connect, your investment is extremely valuable. Your prayers and financial support enable us to give these men a refuge from their personal storm and experience a real life-change. I personally mention to every resident of LC that the time they spend enrolled in the program is an "investment" in the rest of their lives. Recovery and restoration is possible for anyone willing to make such an investment. Thanks to your support we continue to see men regain that which was lost. By the grace of God, 2010 will be a year of advancement, growth, and progress for the ministry of Lifeline-connect. On behalf of our entire staff...May God bless you and your family. † **D.L. Rogers**, Executive Director

**“THIS ONE STEP—  
CHOOSING  
A GOAL  
AND STICKING  
TO IT—  
CHANGES  
EVERYTHING.”**

—Scott Reed



## CHANGING LIVES IS WHAT WE DO

One look at their before pictures and you can see the difference Lifeline-connect is making. Not only have these men been delivered from drug and alcohol addiction, they are learning to walk in peace, joy and God-given purpose. Lifeline-connect provides the tools, structure and support they need; but the men who enroll themselves in Lifeline-connect have to commit to a goal and see it through. We all know the struggle in achieving our goals despite obstacles and the emotions associated with change. So it is with great pride, that we commend Jeff and Tom on their completion of Lifeline-connect. The commitment to this kind of change is often hard to keep, yet they have been faithful to their goal of being free from addiction. And they are better for it. Both of these young men have great potential, and having overcome addiction, they are free to set higher goals and reach their dreams. We wish them the very best in all their endeavors and believe they will achieve their God-given destiny. **Thank you**—your support helped us reach our goal of changing their lives and future. It means more than you know. Thank you, again.

**Their favorite gifts?** Scrapbooks full of old pictures, warm wishes and memories created by their church family and friends.



### What a change.

Jeff and Tom before LC, after years of using pot cigarettes, heroin, meth and prescription pain pills.



## THANK YOU, FOR A JOB WELL DONE

It's hard to find people who are willing to sacrifice and give time and time again. Stephen and Monica Staten faithfully served Lifeline-connect for three years—giving of their time, energy and resources. And Lifeline-connect is what it is today, in part, due to their hard work and selfless efforts. We wish them the best as they pursue new opportunities in Indianapolis and raise their new little girl, Savannah Lynn.



"It was an honor for me to work with men who really wanted to grow and really worked hard to change. To see their growth and transformation has been encouraging to me. I know they'll do great as they continue to put God first. And I won't forget their impact on my life." **Steven Staten**



We are thankful for Kelly and Barbara Caywood who worked as Director of Operations August through October. They are now involved in full-time ministry as evangelists. May God bless them continually is our prayer.



You can follow the Caywoods online at [www.extreme-ministries.com](http://www.extreme-ministries.com).

## LC WELCOMES RJ EATON

A few months ago, we began searching for the next Director of Operations, and it wasn't long before God connected RJ Eaton with Lifeline-connect. RJ is from Melbourne, FL and recently completed an intense four-month Bible program at the P.O.A. Training Center in Alexandria, LA. While attending, a facilitator of P.O.A.T.C. recommended the position to RJ, thinking he would be the perfect candidate. And although there were many candidates across the country, it was clear that RJ is the man for the job. He has served as an outreach coordinator, Sunday school teacher and driver, youth leader and has six-and-a-half year's experience as a psychiatric counselor with children. But besides training and leadership experience, passion and desire were the most important qualities we were looking for in making our selection. And just a short amount of conversation with RJ reveals he is very passionate about men's ministry and missions. When asked about his new position with LC and his goals for the program, RJ speaks about his desire to see these men become not only drug-free, but strong ministers who reach out to those that seem unreachable or unattractive to most. We are thrilled to have RJ with us and look forward to seeing the lives that will be changed through his presence and contribution to Lifeline-connect.



*Director of Operations RJ Eaton*



*(Left to Right: Drew Kenna, Les Cotton, Director of Operations RJ Eaton, Insley Stiles, Michael Savage and Chris Doxtator)*





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Lifeline-connect is a 501c3 non-profit residential discipleship program for men with substance abuse addictions.

## BELIEVE IN THE CAUSE. SUPPORT LC TODAY.

Your monthly support isn't just an investment in a few men. It's an investment in your own life and community. Because every individual that overcomes drug and alcohol addiction is one huge step toward healthier families, safer communities and a more stable society. **And that's a worthwhile investment. Please send your tax-deductible donation today.**

**Along with our need for regular monthly support**, we have some special projects that need extra funding. To contribute to our ongoing Phase 2 Housing Project or help with this year's Christmas gift, please designate your choice on the memo line of your check.

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**Thank you for supporting Lifeline-connect.**

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